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Putting the Bloom on the Pig

LIVE pig and you'll get seaweed. This is the message of hope to our pig population, which has gone out—in more scientific terms—in a recent publication of the Economic Section of the Royal Dublin Society.

It is a message of considerable interest to pig-owners, because it offers them hope of a new food ingredient for their stock which appears to have twice and a half the value of potatoes, and tends to produce "a gloss of coat and bloom of skin which are associated with good health."

All this information is derived from a series of experiments carried out by members of the staffs of University College, Dublin, and University College, Galway, working in collaboration. They were Professors E. J. Sheehy and T. Dillon and Messrs. J. Brophy and P. O Muineachain.

Two pigs, of about two cwt. each, were taken as subjects, and they were fed for a ten-day period on a good standard basic ration, which included 40 per cent. of barley meal and 40 per cent. wheat pollard. They were then fed for a further ten-day period with a quantity of seaweed added to the basic ration. The seaweed was laminaria, a kind which grows abundantly along our coast and is cast up on the beaches as a tidal deposit. Before being fed to the pigs it was dried to about 10 per cent. moisture and ground into a fine meal. An examination of the results of this feeding gave the information mentioned above.

If Irish pigs take to seaweed they will not be breaking altogether new ground. It has been reported from New Zealand that in some parts sheep "show a remarkable craving for seaweed"; that it is freely fed to stock in Lapland and in the Orkney and Faroe Islands; and that in other North European countries it is fed to stock when other foods are scarce.

Freight Charges on Irish Fish

Negotiations are going on to have Irish fish exporters relieved of part of the heavy sums they pay in freight charges. It has been proposed that they should be given the benefit of the arrangement now in force in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, by which the British Government pays the freight costs from the port at which the fish are landed to the market at which they are sold.

In the case of Irish exported fish, the payment would be of freight charges from the port in Britain to which they were sent to the fish market at which they were to be sold. The proposal is now being considered.

South African Riot

PRETORIA, Tuesday.—Casualties in a riot at the Marabastad location, near Pretoria, last night were one European soldier and 14 natives dead, it is stated. Five policemen were injured and 66 natives are in hospital in a serious condition. Armoured cars sent to help to quell the riot did not open fire.—(Reuter.)

FIGHTING IN SOUTH RUSSIA

Fresh Stand By Afrika Korps

CAIRO messages late last night suggested that Marshal Rommel means to make a stand in the wild, broken country along the Wadi Bei el Chebir—forty miles to the west of Sirte—to enable him to get his main transport along the road to Tripoli.

The vanguard of the Eighth Army is reported to be still in contact with the troops protecting the rear of the Afrika Korps at Bei el Chebir.

RAINS ARE EARLY

The rains began early in Tripolitania, and the worst is not yet over, as January is generally accounted North Africa's wettest month.

Marshal Rommel's main forces are re-grouping west of Sirte, ready for another thrust forward.

He has already reached broken country easier to defend, with the great Taurga salt marshes on his flank, and beyond Misurata begins the cultivated belt of Tripoli, with water and a certain amount of available food.

The German News Agency last night reported that General Montgomery's forces, advancing from the south on Rommel's flank, have lost all contact with the German and Italian tank army. This reported attempt to envelop the retreating German forces by an outflanking movement was first mentioned by the Germans on Christmas Day, but has not been mentioned by British sources. The agency now suggests that General Montgomery has given up his plan.

Discussing the new operations of the Eighth Army, the agency says: "General Montgomery evidently intends to launch a frontal attack along the coastal road on Rommel's position with an army comprising a New Zealand division and tank forces. A second group of similar strength, consisting of motorised infantry and a tank formation, is still some way away to the east."

MINISTER KILLS RATS

LORD GLENTORAN, Northern Ireland Minister of Agriculture, disclosed in the Senate yesterday that he spends his spare time, even on Sundays, killing rats.

The Minister, who is a practical farmer, was speaking on the Destruction of Vermin Bill, under which County Councils will receive grants to assist with schemes for destruction of foxes.

BIG CITY TAKEN
SOVIET ARMIES AT MILLEROVO

ADVANCING Russian troops have captured Kotelnikovo and are within a couple of miles of Millerovo and exerting pressure against the town.

Announcing the position of these two key positions last night, Reuter stated that the Germans attempted to stem the Russian advance and concentrated strong forces in determined counter-attacks, which were repelled.

German reports claimed that between the Volga and the Don and in the great Don bend Axis troops scored significant defensive successes.

SOVIET COMMUNIQUE

MOSCOW, Tuesday.—A special Soviet announcement to-night states: "During December 29 our troops captured the town and railway station of Kotelnikovo. Large booty was taken, including aircraft equipment and tanks. Seventeen aircraft were captured, as well as a trainload of tanks. Booty is being counted.

"In the Middle Don area and on the central front our troops continued their offensive engagements."—(Reuter.)

MOSCOW, Tuesday. — Reuter's Correspondent here says:—"Powerful Soviet forces to-night are almost at the gates of Millerovo and Kotelnikovo, two Russian key towns, and German reinforcements are being rushed from other fronts to stem the Red Army's drives. Both towns face the threat of complete encirclement as the Soviet offensive arc narrows. With the occupation of Ternovy and Novoya Spaskova the Russians are now only four miles north-west and south-east of Millerovo, and at Nagolny and Karaichev they are four miles south and seven miles east of Kotelnikovo. The thrust on Kotelnikovo was continued yesterday in face of frequent counter-attacks in almost all sectors, but, says *Red Star*, the Germans were finally forced to retreat still further.

"Leaving rearguards to delay the Russians, the Germans are doing their utmost to break contact with the Soviet forces in order to gain time to regroup and concentrate on a narrow sector for a powerful counter-blow. They concentrated strong forces yesterday in a determined effort to retake Maorski and Karaichev, which are a serious menace to the only German base left within 100 miles of Stalingrad.

"The Soviet southward thrust has taken them fifty miles into the heart of the Kalmuck steppes to Kichkino, 125 miles south-south-west of Stalingrad.

"The battle of the middle Don threatens to become the battle for the lower Don as Russia's armies converge in a huge semi-circle from the north and east facing Rostov. The southward drive down the Voronezh-Rostov railway and the westward push along the lower Don "corridor" has merged into one solid offensive forging ahead into new ground.

LONDON, Tuesday.—The German News Agency says:

"Fighting continued yesterday with unabated fury between the Volga and the Don and in the great Don bend, where German and allied troops scored some significant defensive successes. The Soviet tank division which has been encircled for some days was yesterday annihilated to the last man. In the Don bend the German counter-attack is gaining ever more ground on a steadily widening front. During the last 24 hours numerous villages have been wrested from the Russians. Several hedgehog positions and advanced points, supplied from the air for some time, have been again drawn into the German lines."—(Reuter.)

U-BOATS ATTACK CONVOY
GERMAN REPORT

LONDON, Tuesday.—The German News Agency said to-night that the West African bound British convoy, which, it is claimed, was practically wiped out off the Azores, was sailing under very strong protection, and had been pursued since December 26 by German U-boats. "Sometimes contact was lost owing to fog. Barely was contact resumed than the U-boats were again driven off by destroyers and corvettes, pressed below the surface and attacked. Some boats, however, stuck stubbornly to the convoy. If one U-boat was sighted by a destroyer and pursued, another loomed up out of the darkness to shadow the convoy. On the evening of December 28 the pack of U-boats were ringed round the convoy to launch an attack at night. According to reports to hand the convoy was completely smashed up. The remnants attempted to escape."

"IN IRON JAWS"

A German radio broadcast, "from the operation's room of the U-boat Command," described the convoy as American. The battle was said to have lasted from 11 o'clock last night until six this morning. "The U-boats were subjected to furious depth-charge attacks, but more submarines arrived to join in the issue. These U-boats closed in on the convoy slowly, but surely—unseen by the look-outs in the ships and escorting destroyers. The number of U-boats near the convoy increased hourly. The enemy convoy remained in the iron jaws of our U-boat packs for two days on end. During last night the U-boats broke into the flock like wolves. This attack, which turned the convoy into a raging inferno, took place in the middle of the Atlantic, on a line between the French coast and Newfoundland. The night was lit by U-boat flares and distress signals. One ship after another went down. The ships which tried to leave the convoy and make for safety were engaged by pursuing U-boats and sunk by a *coup de grace*. Some ships were attacked by several U-boats simultaneously, their hulls being torn by two or more torpedoes at the same time. Twelve ships were sunk in this way last night, as well as a destroyer and a corvette. The total was thus raised to 15 ships, totalling 85,000 tons, besides the destroyer and corvette. Three more ships were damaged by torpedoes."—(Reuter.)

Food for Marooned Keepers

Fourteen days' supply of fresh food has been landed on the Black Rock Lighthouse, off the coast of Mayo, after a lapse of several weeks. The landing was effected by the local relief boat on Sunday.

As yet, owing to the high seas, the three marooned lighthouse-men have not been relieved, but, as an official of the Irish Lights commented yesterday, they will not go short of food, as they have reserve stocks, which will last for at least three months.

SOMALI FRENCH JOIN ALLIES

FRENCH Somaliland, with its chief port, Jibuti, 150 miles from Britain's Red Sea naval base at Aden, has joined the United Nations.

According to a French spokesman in London, General de Gaulle's Cross of Lorraine has been flying in Jibuti since Monday night, following an agreement disclosed in a Foreign Office statement yesterday.

This, said the agreement, was signed at Chibeis by Major-General Fowkes, Commander of the British Forces in Abyssinia; M. Chancel, French representative in Nairobi; and General Dupont, Acting Governor of French Somaliland.

Vichy radio said earlier that "British and de Gaullist troops" crossed the frontier on Sunday morning.

The French territory virtually represents the last seat of Vichy influence in Africa. The north-eastern corner of Tunisia alone remains, and that is completely under Axis control.

French troops in Somaliland number about one division, and General de Gaulle is acceding to their "urgent request" to be transferred to an active theatre of operations as soon as possible.

Following the colony's decision to join with France—agreement was reached without bloodshed—M. Andre Bayardelle, a colonial administrator, is to be the new Governor.

British and de Gaullist troops have entered Jibuti, according to Rome Radio.

General Le Gentilhomme, National Commissioner for War and French High Commissioner for Madagascar and the Indian Ocean, has arrived at Jibuti to confer with General Dupont, commanding French forces in the region.

A garrison will be maintained in Somaliland to ensure the defence of this strategically important Red Sea territory.

Parties Prepare For Election

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

EIRE'S big event in 1943 will be the general election. There is still a vast body of opinion which is unconvinced that an election in present circumstances is either necessary, desirable or unavoidable. While the element of uncertainty persists, and no sign is forthcoming from any authoritative quarter that an arrangement for postponement is likely to be arrived at, there is a very natural activity in various quarters.

Fine Gael and Labour Parties have been holding constituency conventions for the selection of candidates, but it is significant that so far the Fianna Fail Party have not only held no such conventions, but have taken no steps beyond getting local branches of the organisation into trim. During the political truce of the last couple of years this part of the organisational work has been more or less neglected. Fianna Fail headquarters will be first to know when the date of the election is expected—for the fixing of the date of dissolution will be a matter for Mr. de Valera to determine—and when Fianna Fail gets busy with the holding of conventions it will be a sign to all that decisions of importance have been taken.

AT DISADVANTAGE

Other parties are at the disadvantage that they are not in the confidence of the Government, and, as they cannot afford to be caught napping, it behoves them to get ahead with the preliminaries. Fine Gael has already selected many of its standard-bearers for Dublin constituencies and in the provinces as well. Most of those so far selected are old and tried parliamentarians. The expected introduction of new blood has not been evident, but, as there are still many seats to be provided for, this expectation may yet be realised. Remembering General Mulcahy's promise of a National Government composed of the "best brains in the country," it is incumbent on the party to spread its net very wide.

As to the probable date of the election, the only thing certain for the present is that nothing definite will be done until the Dail meets on February 13 and until Deputy Cole's motion requesting the postponement of the contest until after the conclusion of the emergency has been debated. There is, moreover, much to be said for the suggestion that no announcement may be made until after the Budget for the year has been introduced, particularly if Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly contemplates a further standstill in the matter of taxes and Customs duties. Such a Budget would have obvious advantages from an electioneering point of view. The Budget is usually brought in early in May, and this would afford ample time for the election before the expiration of the life of the Dail at the end of June.

NEW FRENCH C.-IN-C.

GENERAL ALPHONSE JUIN, former Commander in French North Africa, has been appointed to command the French forces now fighting with the Allies there, according to a despatch last night from Reuter's Special Correspondent in Tunisia.

Women's Garments To Go

At least ten women's garments will disappear shortly for the duration of the emergency if they are, in the opinion of the Government, "unnecessary during war-time," and if they are made of material which could be used for more essential clothing.

This will probably be the most sweeping clause in the Government Orders to ensure economy in the use of materials for women's clothing which will be announced shortly. Evening gowns which are of a material which could be used in a more utilitarian garment will probably be the first casualties of the new Orders, but there is no indication, as yet, as to what the other garments will be.

The Orders, which have been made after consultation with industrial groups representing dealers in every type of women's clothing, will not be sensational, but will be merely common-sense precautions taken to prevent waste. It is possible that, later on, they will affect coupon values. They will control such items as the width of the flare of the skirt, collars and cuffs, the number of pleats and pockets, and the amount of cotton in the tops of stockings will be controlled, the *Irish Times* understands. The yardage in every garment will be controlled in proportion to the size of its wearer, and all luxuries which are of material which could be used for "utilities" will be banned. There will be no ban, however, on luxuries such as artificial flowers and embroidery, which, in addition to being made of non-essential material, also provide labour.

THE BEST WAY

Many of these economies are already being practised by shops selling the cheaper clothes, and who are saving every scrap of material possible. The dearer shops, however, are in many cases selling in a more extravagant manner, and, although they are quite willing to fall into line, the authorities think that the best way to regiment the industry is to introduce the Orders. In some cases, however, all dealers have voluntarily agreed to restrict the garments.

It will be recalled that early in the month the *Irish Times* predicted the Government Orders which were to reduce the length of Irish shirts by one and a half inches. At the same time it was announced that pattern books would shortly disappear, and that in future shirts with double cuffs, double fronts, pockets, sleeve guards or more than two collars could not be manufactured.

Shelf for Liquor Bill?

Should the Intoxicating Liquor Bill be shelved for the emergency? This question will be discussed by the Senate next month, when a proposal to that effect will come before the House.

The proposal is based on the grounds of the shortage of supplies, lighting restrictions and transport difficulties. Already the 10 o'clock last 'inus has interfered seriously with trading within the city, an official of the Grocers' Union told a reporter yesterday. The supplies and lighting difficulties, he added, were apparent to all.

Among amendments that will come up for discussion is one proposing the alteration of the hours: 2 to 3 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. on Sundays to 2 to 6 p.m., and on week-days 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., instead of 10.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m.

Lord Mayoralty of Belfast

It is believed that the choice for Belfast's new Lord Mayor lies between Alderman D. Lyle Hall, chairman of the Education Committee, and Councillor S. B. Thompson, chairman of the Electricity Committee. Under the Local Government Act of 1934 a new Lord Mayor must be elected within ten days.

Belfast City Council will meet to-day to pass a resolution recording its appreciation of the services that the late Lord Mayor, Alderman Black, rendered to the city.

ALLIED TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM A TUNISIAN POSITION

ALLIED troops in Tunisia have withdrawn from a hill position six miles north-east of Medjez-el-Bab, after inflicting severe casualties on the Axis, an Army communiqué announced last night.

A French communiqué stated that in the northern part of the Pont du Fahs sector the French made a slight withdrawal, while more to the south their troops made further progress.

The first communiqué read:—

"Our patrols in the northern area were in contact with the enemy during the night of December 27-28. At the same time bombers attacked roads behind the enemy's lines. Both sides yesterday briefly shelled the other's positions.

"Our forces destroyed two enemy tanks with artillery fire. Light enemy units attacked one of our positions north of Medjez-el-Bab without success.

"During air patrols over forward areas yesterday one squadron of Spitfires shot down two JU 88's and one ME 109. One of our fighters was lost.

"A formation of P 38's, on a sweep to the south, attacked enemy trucks carrying troops, gasoline and supplies near the border of Tunisia and Tripolitania. About twenty trucks were destroyed, most of them being left on fire.

"The docks and harbour at Sousse were attacked by Flying Fortresses yesterday without loss. Hits were scored on the docks.

"After inflicting severe casualties on the enemy, our units have now been withdrawn from the hill position six miles north-east of Medjez-el-Bab, which was the scene of heavy fighting on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day."

The communiqué announcing the French operations stated:—

"In the region south of Pont du Fahs the enemy counter-attacked with new units. At the northern part of the sector we made a slight withdrawal, while more to the south our troops made more progress. We took more prisoners, captured some 247 m.m. guns and demolished many tanks.

"North-west of Kairouan a small engagement left in our hands about 20 prisoners. We suffered no losses."

The French troops were backed by Allied tanks and 'planes in their drive forward through the mid-Tunisian hills south of Pont du Fahs, 30 miles below Tunis. They cut an important road after a fierce dawn battle and cleared the area of Axis forces.

A Reuter message stated that the French success had been achieved ahead of plan.

German infantry, artillery and armoured units in Tunisia are still growing in strength, despite the losses they have suffered.

Flying Fortresses and twin-engined Lightning fighters continue to attack General Nehring's ports and supplies, though activity by the Allied land forces was again restricted to infrequent contacts with Axis road patrols.

Roosevelt Expects De Gaulle Soon

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT said yesterday, in Washington, that he fully expected to see General de Gaulle very soon.

Earlier, Reuter's correspondent had been informed by a reliable source that General de Gaulle would confer with General Giraud before going to the United States.

President Roosevelt had discussions yesterday with two members of the French North African mission now in America—General M. E. Bethouart and M. L. J. Dubreuil, who were sent to the United States by Admiral Darlan, and arrived the day before he was assassinated.

They are now acting as representatives of General Giraud, and have already had conversations with Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State; Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary; Admiral Leahy, General Marshall and the French leader, M. Tixier.

Asked to comment on General de Gaulle's speech, General Bethouart declared after the conference with the President:—"Everything that would favour French unity would be received with pleasure. We have one idea—to unify ourselves into reconquering our country. Everything should be subordinated to conquering Germany, and General Giraud, as well as General de Gaulle, has that idea."

Asked whether the meeting with the President was both diplomatic and military in nature, he replied: "We have nothing to do with diplomacy."

M. Marcel Peyrouton, former French Ambassador to Argentina, flew to Rio de Janeiro yesterday from Buenos Aires. Persons "close to the situation" said he was *en route* to North Africa to co-operate in the formation of a new French Government. A former Cabinet Minister, Peyrouton resigned as Ambassador at Buenos Aires when M. Laval regained power last year.

750 U.S. Ships in Year

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.—The American shipbuilding industry turned out the record number of 750 merchant vessels, totalling 8,000,000 dead-weight tons, in 1942. This was disclosed to-day by Mr. H. Gerrish Smith, President of the National Council of Shipbuilders, in a review of the year's accomplishments. Declaring that the industry had worked to meet President Roosevelt's "blue print for victory" goals, Mr. Smith added: "If we are given the men, materials and equipment, we can, and will, meet the President's call for 15,000,000 dead-weight tons of merchant ships in 1943. The industry," he continued, "has delivered more than seven times the output for 1941, and smashed all standards for monthly production."—(Reuter.)

No Lack of U.S. Manpower

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. — Mr. Paul McNutt, U.S. Man-Power Chief, to-day revised his estimate of the number of war workers needed by the end of 1943 from 20,500,000 to 19,300,000. On the other hand, he said estimates of the number who will be in the forces and in all types of gainful employment by the end of 1943 has been revised from 62,500,000 to 64,500,000. Mr. McNutt stated, however, that he considered that legislation for compulsory job control would be unnecessary at present. Neither war industry nor farm production had been cut by lack of man-power thus far.—(Reuter.)

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.—President Roosevelt announced to-day that he expects to deliver his message to Congress on January 7 on the state of the Union.—(Reuter.)

New U.S. Mission at Dakar

A second United States mission has arrived at Dakar, Morocco radio announced last night.—(Reuter.)

Following the arrival of General Fitzgerald's mission, which was the first United States mission to visit Dakar, the radio said, a second and more important mission has arrived by 'plane. It consists of technicians who are devising a plan of military co-operation, which will include the utilisation of the airfields of French West Africa by American 'planes.

The radio added, according to the Associated Press, that American troops had landed and taken over the aerodrome.

Allies Advance in New Guinea

NEW GUINEA, Tuesday—Reuter's Correspondent here says:—"Allied forces in the Buna area, beating back a desperate Japanese attempt to break through their lines, have driven a wedge into the enemy defence zone. In a strong counter-attack the U.S. and Australian forces captured a number of dual-purpose anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns. The Japanese, having failed to break out through the converging Allied forces, remained pinned down in bunker-like positions in a narrow mile-long strip between Giropa Point and Buna Mission.

"A few miles to the north Allied troops pushing along the Sanandanda track, where an enemy pocket is holding out, wiped out a Japanese listening post and killed a number of snipers. Warships, believed to be submarines, shelled Buna Village, now held by U.S. troops, under cover of darkness, but no damage is reported. Japan's isolated forces still on Guadalcanal were reported in authoritative quarters in the U.S. to-day to be suffering severely from starvation and disease, having been without fresh supplies for about six weeks."—(Reuter.)

Southern England Bombed

The British Air Ministry yesterday stated:—"This afternoon two enemy fighters dropped bombs on a coastal town of South-East England. These caused some casualties and damage."

The raid, carried out by Focke-Wolf 190s, was very brief. One bomb demolished several houses. Five persons, trapped in the *débris*, were rescued.—Press Association.

"Our fighters to-day," said last night's Air Ministry communiqué, "carried out patrols over the Low Countries and made sweeps over Northern France. Mosquitoes of Bomber Command attacked railway targets in France. Two of our fighters are missing."

Japanese Take Four Towns

CHUNGKING, Tuesday—Japanese columns on the Hupeh-Anhwei border have occupied Kwangtai, Susung, Taihu and Lotien, says to-night's Chinese communiqué. The four Chinese towns captured are all north of Kiukiang. Kwangtai and Lotien are both on the railway from Kiukiang, respectively 35 and 100 miles to the north-west of that town. Lotien being the mountain railhead of the line connecting the three places. Susung and Taihu, both just in Anhwei Province, are railway towns 35 and 50 miles to the north-east of Kiukiang.—(Reuter.)

Muselier Offers

Admiral Muselier, formerly French National Commissioner for the Navy and Commander-in-Chief of the de Gaullist Naval Forces, has re-offered his services to the French National Committee, and has stated that he is ready to accept "any active post at sea or on land in the fight against the enemies of France."

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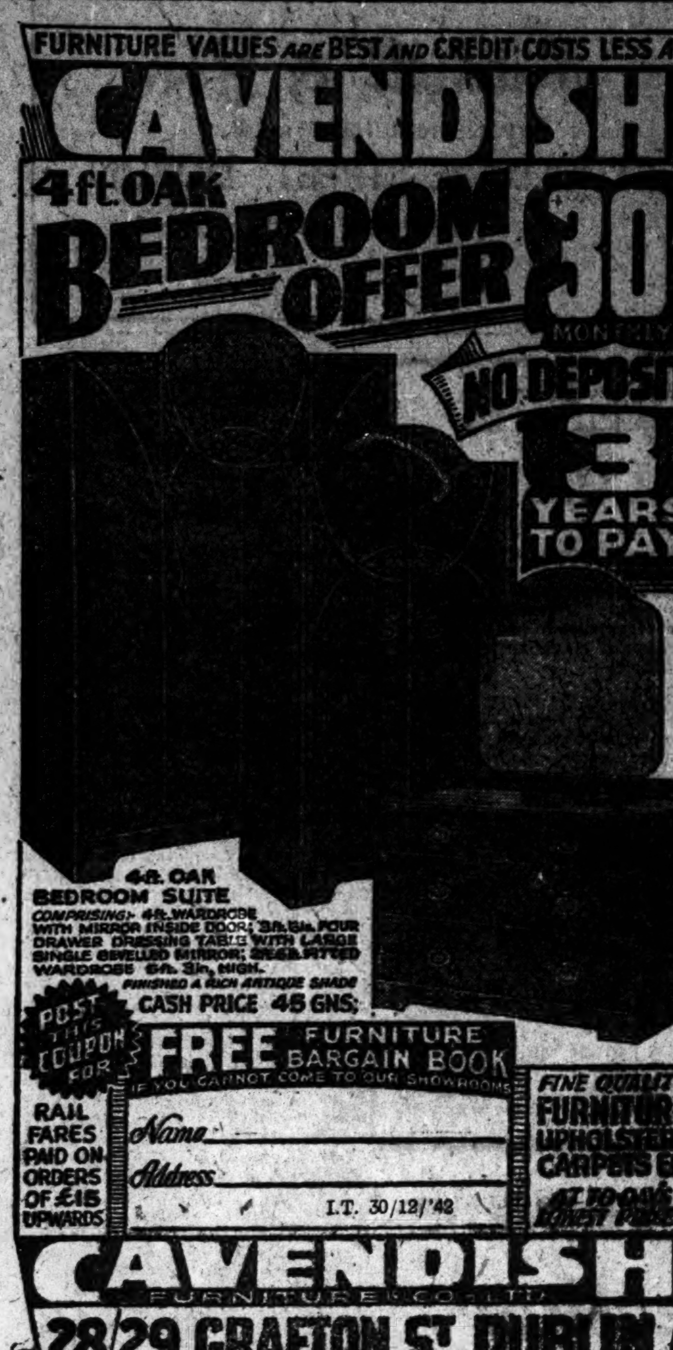

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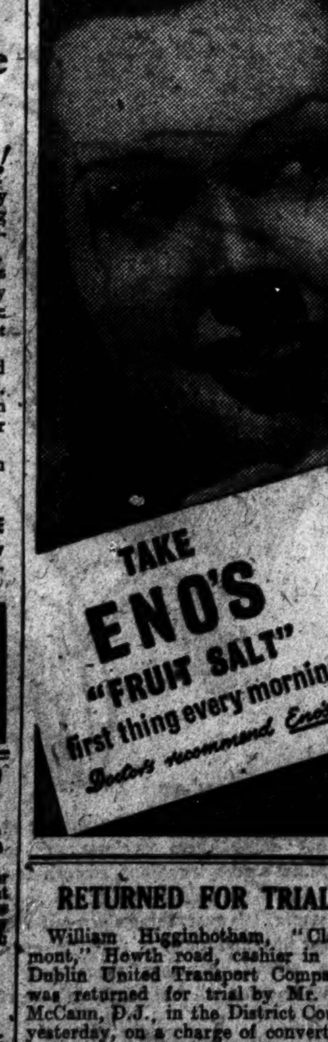

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"RUN TO DEATH"

The average commercial vehicle owner or haulier, went on the Colonel, runs his car to death, and makes it in time of emergency merely a liability on the country. Six-day week running will loosen up any car and ruin any engine—a simple enough matter to remedy in peace-time, when cheap spares and engines were to be had, but disastrous at present. The Tipperary firm's method makes each driver responsible for the maintenance of his own vehicle, and gives him one entire day in each week to do it. The result is that the drivers become proud of their cars, and, says Colonel Grubb: "A car-proud driver is the best answer to our country's road transport problem."

AIR COMPANY'S EMPLOYEES

CASE BEFORE WAGES TRIBUNAL

Advocating a standard rate and bonus order for twenty-eight employés of Aer Lingus Teoranta and Aer Rianta Teoranta at a sitting of the Wages Tribunal yesterday, Mr. J. Larkin, junior (Workers' Union of Ireland), said that for every £1 a man spent he was able to receive only 13s. worth of goods on a pre-war basis. The cost of living figure showed that. The wages of the applicants, said Mr. Larkin, were much below the rates for comparative employment in the City and County of Dublin. In some cases they were nearly as much as £1 per week lower.

Mr. J. F. Dempsey, Secretary of the company, said that the company was living on a subsidy, and they were hardly even a free agent to agree to anything in the way of bonus or otherwise. They prepared estimates, which they submitted to the Minister for Industry and Commerce, as to what it would cost him for a year. They certainly could not put forward any strong argument about the cost of living, but he was not so sure that they were in a position to pay.

Mr. D. Fawsitt, S.C. (Chairman), said that the undertaking was a national service, and called for sympathetic interest by everybody.

Wages paid to the employés were stated to be:—Fireman, £3 5s. per 44-hour week; porter, £2 7s. 6d.; chief baggage porter, £2 15s.; assistant boilerman, £3; storekeeper and general clerk, £2 10s.; cleaners, £2 5s. (47 hours a week); chief clerk and timekeeper, £3; office messenger, £2 5s. (47 hours a week); policeman, £2 10s. (46½ hours); maintenance mechanic and checker in charge of petrol issue, £3 10s.; female cleaners, 3s. a day.

The Tribunal will submit its recommendations to the Minister.

INQUESTS

FATAL FILM ACCIDENT

A spool on a film, slipping and coming in contact with an electric bulb, in 8 North Wall on December 22, came in contact with Raymond Cusack, aged 5, a resident of the house, who died in Jervis Street Hospital on Thursday last from the effect of burns.

A statement by Michael Cusack, brother of Raymond, who is at present in hospital suffering from burns, was read at an inquest in Jervis Street Hospital yesterday, to the effect that when the film caught fire he tried to stamp it out, but the flame soon spread to the other films. All the occupants of the room suffered from burns and had to be treated. Margaret Cusack (3½) was also treated for burns.

According to the medical evidence, death was due to shock and toxæmia, following burns received.

DEATH IN PRISON

Death from natural causes (coronary thrombosis) was the verdict returned by the Dublin City Coroner (Dr. D. A. MacErlean) at an inquest yesterday on John Hinchey, who died while serving a sentence in Mountjoy Prison.

The Prison Governor, Mr. Seán Kavanagh, said that Hinchey was serving a sentence of three years, imposed on him by the Special Criminal Court last June. He had never complained of illness.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

"QUITE CLOSE" TO BRITAIN

The shock of an earthquake, "quite close" to Britain, was recorded at 4.49 a.m. yesterday by Mr. J. J. Shaw, the West Bromwich seismologist.

"It occurred not more than 500 or 600 miles away," he told a Press Association reporter, "possibly between Scotland and Iceland. The shock was not a very great one, but sharp for our locality, because we do not usually get them so close to our island."

German radio, quoted by Reuter, reports: "A very violent earthquake was recorded at 5.44 a.m. yesterday by Jena observatory. Centre is believed to have been some 600 miles to the south-east, presumably on the Dalmatian coast (Adriatic). The shocks were so violent that the instruments were thrown out of gear."—(Reuter.)

The seismograph at the Budapest Institute also registered a very violent tremor at a distance of some 340 miles at 4.43 a.m. yesterday, the German radio stated, says Reuter.

According to calculations of the Stuttgart Earthquake Institute, the centre of the earthquake is probably on the borders of Albania and Montenegro, German radio added.

RETURNED FOR TRIAL

William Higginbotham, "Claremont," Howth road, cashier in the Dublin United Transport Company, was returned for trial by Mr. H. McCann, D.J., in the District Court, yesterday, on a charge of converting to his own use £250, the property of the company. The Justice refused informations on a charge of embezzlement, which, he said, was not supported by the evidence.

Bail was allowed.

Tillage at Woodbrook.—A sign of the times is shown in the work of the ploughman in South County Dublin. The cricket ground at Woodbrook, which is distinct from the golf course, has been broken for tillage.

Galway Gas Rationing.—Gas will be rationed in Galway from Monday next, the hours at which it will be supplied being 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on week-days and 7.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. on Sundays.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DAIL

CASE OF VOCATIONAL TEACHERS

SHOULD vocational teachers, like national teachers, be given permission to forward their candidature in the general election, and, in the event of their success, to appoint a substitute? This question was raised at the Bray Vocational Education Committee, when Mr. R. J. Connolly wrote to them concerning his candidature. He said he had been selected as a candidate for the next Dail elections, and asked leave of absence for not more than a month to work up his constituency. He also asked the Committee to consider, in the event of his candidature being successful, the appointment of a substitute when he would be absent from school duties.

LEAVE OPPOSED

Mr. H. J. Byrne, in opposing the granting of leave, said that Mr. Connolly was considered a very excellent teacher. It would be very difficult to find a suitably qualified substitute to continue the school work from where he would leave off.

Mr. D. Sayers mentioned the names of a number of Deputies and Senators who were professional teachers, and they included Deputies T. Mullen, Cormac Breathnach, J. Hurley, Senator Cummins and ex-Senator Boyle.

Mr. E. J. Little said that national teachers had plenty of time in the evenings to devote to public matters.

The C.E.O. (Mr. Meagher) said that, speaking as a teacher, if the facility for public representation were offered to national teachers he thought it would be somewhat unfair to discriminate against the profession of the vocational teacher in regard to representation in the Dail.

THE DIVISION

Mr. Little moved, and Mr. A. J. Byrne seconded, that leave be not granted, and as an amendment Mr. Sayers proposed, and Mr. J. Duffy seconded, that the leave be granted.

The amendment was declared lost.

MR. MICHAEL PRICE

We regret that in our report in Monday's issue, dealing with the decision of Mr. Michael Price not to accept nomination by the Labour Party as a candidate for North-East Dublin, we used the words "defection of Mr. Price." The position is that Mr. Price was asked to stand for this constituency, but, while appreciating the tribute thus paid to him, he declined the honour owing to the state of his health.

BANK OFFICIAL FOUND DEAD

HEAD BADLY BATTERED

Less than twenty-four hours after he had arrived at Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, to take up a bank appointment, Mr. Hugh Jones, aged about 51, of Cardiff, was found dead on the site of a bomb-demolished building in North street, Weston.

He had sustained severe head injuries, suggesting that he had been attacked, and the police are combing the district for a person with bloodstained clothing.

The discovery was made by the police about 3 a.m. yesterday. The body was lying in a pool of blood; near it was a smashed and bloodstained electric torch. A gold watch, gold cuff-links and money were found in the man's clothing.

DUBLIN'S CHRISTMAS MAIL

OVER 8,000,000 LETTERS AND PARCELS

The mail handled in Dublin during the Christmas season exceeded by many thousands of letters and parcels that of last year. The total was 8,355,000. Those delivered in Dublin City and suburbs amounted to 4,916,000. No fewer than 90,400 were registered letters.

Parcels post was also heavy and exceeded that of last year. The actual figures were 251,570 despatched and 334,800 received. These included 42,000 registered parcels; 111,240 parcels were delivered in the city and suburbs.

The "early posting" appeal was generally observed and greatly facilitated the officials.

The bulk of the United States Christmas mail had not arrived up to yesterday. Further mails are expected early in the new year. Many Christmas greetings were sent and received by telegraph, and telephone trunk traffic was heavier than in previous years.

MILITARY RULE BY U.S.

CHARLOTTESVILLE (VIRGINIA) Tuesday.—Mr. Robert Patterson, United States Under-Secretary for War, said to-day that the United States Army had already formulated plans for the military government of occupied territories. He emphasised, however, that such control would be maintained only so long as was made necessary by military reasons.—(Reuter.)

NEWS IN BRIEF

District Court Clerks.—At a preliminary meeting in Cork for re-establishing the District Court Clerks' Organisation, Mr. A. P. Curtis, Muinebheag, County Carlow, was appointed Organising Secretary, and it was agreed to circularise all District Court Clerks, and also to invite the co-operation of District Justices.

Harbouring Files.—Bernard Cooney, of 176 Cromwell road, Belfast, a welder, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment at Belfast yesterday for having harboured twelve steel files with intent to avoid the Prohibition Order. He said that he intended to take some of them to Eire.

Santa Claus at Rosslare.—Free toys and fruit were distributed to about 400 children at a Christmas tree at Rosslare Harbour. For the thirty-sixth year in succession Inspector M. Moroney, G.S.R., was Santa Claus. The function was sponsored by Rosslare Harbour Social Club and by the local Co-operative Society.

Co. Limerick Fire Brigade.—Limerick County (as distinct from the city) is to have a Fire Brigade of its own. The brigade will be located at Rathkeale, where a new modern fire engine has arrived. Mr. John Doyle, Limerick, has been appointed chief, and the personnel will be recruited from the members of the fire fighting sections of the L.D.F.

Cong Inquest Adjourned.—As he did not know who was responsible for employing the deceased man and to allow a representative of the Department of Forestry to be represented, Dr. Heneghan, coroner, adjourned the inquest on a middle-aged farmer, Martin Haire, of Cong, who died from injuries received when a crane which he was using for lifting timber in Ashford demesne, Cong, toppled over and crushed him.

Prohibited Goods.—Thomas Cooney, an engine driver, employed by the London North-Eastern Company, a native of Cootehill, County Cavan, was passing through Belfast on his way to visit his home when a policeman observed that his luggage included a bicycle, certain cycle accessories and tools. He was prosecuted at Belfast yesterday for having dealt in prohibited goods and for having taken them to the Great Northern railway station for the purpose of exporting them. He was fined £15 on the first charge and £5 on the second.

WINTER RASPBERRIES

A Donnybrook woman picked a small dish of raspberries in her garden on St. Stephen's Day. Reports from the country say that flowers now in bloom include the wild parsnip, which normally flowers in June; daisies, and poppies.

Mr. J. V. Rank's Horses.—Mr. J. V. Rank has no intention at present of sending any more jumpers to race in Ireland. He may send one if a replacement is necessary. In that case Santac is a likely one to leave Druid's Lodge to join the four horses, including Top o' the Morning, sent some time ago.

Leinster's Good Backs

By Our Rugby Football Correspondent.

THERE were some amusing aspects—more so for the spectators than the players—of the charity match at Donnybrook on Boxing Day. For about twenty minutes the play was of the most gruelling description it would be possible to imagine, and the spectators sat forward saying to each other: "Now, this really is Rugby," but, of course, no body of men could have kept going for any greater length of time without giving themselves an occasional breather. During those twenty minutes the last thought any man had was to kick to touch, and, in consequence, passing movements were swinging from one side of the field to the other, forwards and backs taking part in them. No wonder some of them turned a suspiciously florid colour, and that the pace became quite ordinary in the second half.

The Leinster selectors should have gained some knowledge from the game, the most important point being that Austin Carry can hardly be left off from the out-half position on his present form; the centre three-quarter problem would appear to be completely solved also, for Kevin Quinn seems to me to be even better there than at out-half, and makes an understanding partnership with his brother. Carry was the real star of Saturday's match; his fitness and energy were boundless, and he never lost an opportunity of trying to open up the game in the most intelligent way.

One man who brought himself right under the selectors' noses as a wing three-quarter was Norman McConnell. His pace is not exceptional, but he is lively and intelligent, always on the look-out for something to do, and for his spectacular try he beat Redmond all the way with a swerve. He seems to me to be excellent inter-provincial material. Redmond appears to lack judgment in his tackling, and Con Murphy's position as our best full-back is still retained. With Murphy at full-back, the two Quinns in the centre, Carry and Wolfe at half-back, and O'Flanagan, Bergin and McConnell to choose from on the wings, Leinster need have no worries behind the scrum. It remains to be seen whether the right blend of forwards can be found.

Next Saturday, club Rugby is resumed with a programme of six local matches, which are as follows: Dublin University v. Palmerston, Old Wesley v. University College, Clontarf v. Lansdowne, Wanderers v. Old Belvedere, Monkstown v. Bective Rangers, and Blackrock College v. St. Mary's.

Favourite Wins Kingdom Cup

Ballymacquin Monarch, a firm favourite to win the Kingdom Cup, did so in the style of a great greyhound at Ballybeggan Park, Tralee, yesterday, when he beat Gracious Gift in the decider. The final was a thrilling course, as Gracious Gift was showing in front to the rise of ground, when "The Monarch" got up to take the turn by a length. The loser had one before the winner regained possession, to run up a nice sequence before killing his game. Ballymacquin Monarch is owned by Mr. Michael Collins, Ballymacquin, Ardfert, and in five courses in the Cup was brought only once to the escape, a tribute to his pace and uncanny skill behind his game.

Kilywell Boy was a one-sided winner of the Dog Trial Stake, and showed first-class pace, while Clune Lady was another to show good pace and working ability.

KINGDOM CUP.

Third Round—Just Timed beat Another Deceiver; Gracious Gift beat O.K. Leader; Ballymacquin Monarch beat Uachterlainn Riac; Valiant Cías beat Cordiality.

Fourth Round—Gracious Gift beat Just Timed; Ballymacquin Monarch beat Valiant Cías.

Decider—Ballymacquin Monarch beat Gracious Gift.

KINGDOM TROPHY—Pearl Light beat Jovial Barney; Kilnaglory Capture beat Cautious Driver; First Rate a bye, Off Together absent; Cloughvone beat Rocky Rob; Martagon beat Local Light; Joast Rajah beat Glorious Dash; Ballyrehan Lass beat Scotia's Monarch; Bright Syrup a bye, Pearl Light absent.

Second Round—Kilnaglory Capture beat Pearl Light; First Rate beat Cloughvone; Martagon beat Joast Rajah; Ballyrehan Lass beat Bright Syrup.

Third Round—Kilnaglory Capture beat First Rate; Ballyrehan Lass beat Martagon. Stakes divided.

TRIAL STAKE (dog puppies)—**Second Round**—Mister Kipps beat Glenasharoon; Cross Roads Rambler beat Pastures Sweet; Killywill Boy beat Prince Bryan.

Third Round—Cross Roads Rambler beat Mr. Kipps; Killywill Boy a bye.

Decider—Killywill Boy beat Cross Roads Rambler.

TRIAL STAKE (bitch puppies)—**Second Round**—Merry Night beat Merry Ray; Tara Songbird beat Ask Her Again; Clune Lady beat Scarveen.

Third Round—Tara Songbird beat Merry Night; Clune Lady a bye.

Decider—Clune Lady beat Tara Songbird.

Ballybeggan Cup — Fourth Round—Faithful Man beat Maryanne's Pup; Wireless Invader a bye.

Decider — Wireless Invader beat Faithful Man.

FEATURES OF YEAR'S SENIOR HURLING

(By PAT O.)

Enforced abandonment of junior and minor championships brought much disappointment to young hurlers; absence of special trains and 'buses left no alternative. So good was senior hurling, however, that attendances ruled high, despite transport difficulties, and the absence of supporting games. Dublin had an easy passage in the East; Kilkenny, regarded as their most dangerous rivals were but a shadow of their 1939 and 1940 teams, and the Noremen fell easy victims to a well-trained Dublin side at Nowlan Park.

Munster's hurling title was sternly contested, as usual, and provided the best games of the year. Cork and Limerick again treated spectators to a high-class game. Cork's young team were the more polished hurlers, and two fast points at the 60th minute put them in the Southern final with Tipperary.

I made the long journey from Dublin to see this game. Tipperary opened at lightning pace, but after ten minutes Cork's centrefield, Lynch and O'Donovan, took control and they turned one score up. At the fortieth minute Treacy's goal for Tipp's lead roused wild excitement, but Cork's youthful forwards stayed the hour far better, and Christy Ring swung across a succession of long points in the last quarter. Galway failed to hold the Lee men, and we had a Dublin-Cork hurling final for the second year in succession.

Cork had by no means the easy victory of 1941. Dublin's close tackling kept scores close for fifty minutes. Then Dublin missed an open goal and Cork seized their chances with both hands—Quirke, Beckett and Lynch ran through a winning sequence. Cork thus won the lead from Kilkenny and Tipperary in the number of All-Ireland titles won. The fact that six members of the team are under 22 points to further success for Cork.

College and university hurling reached a high standard. As usual, the inter-university games for the Fitzgibbon Cup brought exciting finishes. On their home pitch Galway triumphed after close struggles with Dublin and Cork. The rise of St. Mary's, Galway, has meant much to hurling in the West. North Monastery, Cork, and St. Kieran's, Kilkenny, are still the leading hurling colleges in the South and East.

Camogie had a most successful year. Record crowds attended the Dublin-Cork finals. After a drawn game in Cork, the Dublin girls recovered the title at Croke Park by splendid play.

SCARTEEN HUNT

Last Saturday's hunt of the Black and Tans was the best for many years. The meet was at Knockcarron, and hounds found below the hill. They ran fast to Ardglass, over the Ballywire-Emly road, and, wheeling right, came back under Ardohill and Knockcarron, into Lackelly, and almost to Scarteen. Turning left, they ran over the Cross of the Tree-Knockcarron road, through Ballylooby, into Ballinamona, and the fox went to ground just short of Glenefy.

Coming back to Scarteen the field were hospitably entertained by the master's wife. Drawing Ballyhoulihan, we found a good fox, and running through Grange hounds crossed the Knocklong road. Going on through Mitchelstown, down over the Morning Star river, they crossed the Kilfinnane-Tipperary road near Ballinvreena, and ran up Slievereagh, where hounds were stopped in the heather. This was a 6½ mile point over the cream of our country, practically without a check, and ended an outstandingly good day's hunting.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

To-day—Louth, Channon Rock, 11.0 a.m.; South Westmeath, Moate, 12.0 noon; Bray, Newtownmountkennedy, 1.30 p.m.; Strabane, Gortfad, 1.0 p.m.; Mid-Antrim, Glenhugh, 12.30 p.m.; Naas, Old Kilcullen, 1.0 p.m.; Roscommon, Fuerty, 1.0 p.m.; Kilkenny, Windgap, 11.30 a.m.; Meath, Brierly, Duleek, 11.30 a.m.; Duhallow, Liscarroll, 11.30 a.m.; Tipperary, Camus Bridge, 12.0 noon; Nenagh, meet cancelled.

To-morrow—Nenagh, Annual Dance, New Hall, Nenagh; North Mayo, Hunt Dance; Co. Galway ("The Blazers"), Tuam, 12.0 noon; Queen's Co., Blandsford Cross-roads, 11.30 a.m.; Tara, Boyerstown, 11.0 a.m.; South Mayo, Roundfort, 12.0 noon; Littlegrange, Ardcath, 1.0 p.m.; Fingal, Roganstown Bridge, 1.0 p.m.; North Kilkenny, meet changed to Sat.; East Galway, Green Door, 12.0 noon; Limerick, Rabeen Chapel Cross, 12.0 noon.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

VICTORIANS ... 3 OLD COLLEGE ... 1

Victorians (Belfast) played the concluding game of their short Dublin tour with a match against a weak Old College team yesterday at Sydney parade. In the first half Misses McKeown and Campbell scored for Victorians, and early in the second half Miss McKeown got the third goal. Just before the finish Miss Law scored for Old College.

Hospital Cup — St. Vincent's 2, Adelaide 0.

AMATEUR BOXING

The next club tournament at the Stadium will be sponsored by St. Vincents on Friday, January 8. The Mount street Club have decided not to stage a tournament next Friday, the date allotted to them.

BOHEMIANS' "DISCOVERY"

Bohemians have made another "discovery" in the person of young Lavelle. At outside-right on Sunday he gave a finished display and marked his promotion to the first eleven with an excellent goal, as well as leading up to another.

He is the class of player that the amateurs need badly; they could do with a few more like him. He has played most of his football with the "C" team; was given a chance with the reserves, and did so well in that one match that when Kevin O'Flanagan was unable to play last Sunday, through injuries, he became an automatic choice.

At the close of the first half of the League of Ireland competition last season Cork United were leading Shamrock Rovers by two points (14-12), third place being occupied by St. James's Gate, with 10. Limerick then were seven points behind the champions. This week another half-way stage will be reached, and, while it is more than likely that Cork United and Limerick will remain in the two top positions, there is just the possibility that Limerick may overtake the champions.

Leading Limerick by one point and Dundalk by two, the United will be at Crumlin on Sunday. The champions are not invincible in their away games, as we saw in their opening match at Limerick, when they dropped the points on a one-nil score, and again at Dalymount Park, when the result was similar. On the other hand, Limerick are at home to the Rovers and may take full points.

Were Bray Unknowns to beat Dundalk at Bray it would, indeed, be one of the most unexpected of results, seeing that they are right at the foot of the table, with the prospect of remaining there to the end.

The Brideville-Bohemians game at Harold's Cross Park will have little bearing on the championship, but Saturday's match at Shelbourne Park is of more than passing interest for each club, as victory for one or the other would land them up with the leading lot with eleven points.

The most prolific scorers in the tournament have been Limerick, with twenty-two goals; but the record of Cork United is a better one, for, while Limerick conceded eleven in their eight games, the United, who scored 18, had only four registered against them.

The Leinster Football Association had a first class "benefit" at Dalymount Park with the Cup final, between Drumcondra and St. James's Gate, which yielded a little over £600. That Drumcondra deserved their 4-2 victory admits of no doubt. There still is a marked weakness in the Gate's forward line, in which Donal Flanagan, their centre-forward, has been a disappointment since his remarkable performance against Bohemians on November 15th.

It was the fifty-first final for the Leinster Senior Cup, instituted in 1892-1893. For the first twenty-five years Bohemians and Shelbourne had the competition all to themselves, Bohemians winning the trophy on fifteen occasions, but in the last ten years Drumcondra have had four successes, against St. James's Gate's three, and the one each of Rovers, Bohemians and Distillery.

The week-end games are:—

Saturday—Shelbourne v. Drumcondra, at Ringsend.

Sunday—Brideville v. Bohemians, at Harold's Cross; Bray Unknowns v. Dundalk, at Bray; St. James's Gate v. Cork United, at Crumlin; Limerick v. Shamrock Rovers, at Limerick.

RUGBY CLUB RECORDS

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points F.	Points A.
Lansdowne	14	11	3	0	161	88
St. Mary's	11	8	2	1	73	44
Clontarf	11	7	4	0	125	67
Palmerston	12	7	4	1	78	52
Bective R.	13	7	5	1	100	77
Old Wesley	12	6	5	1	103	89
U.C.D.	12	6	5	1	92	62
Old Belvedere	12	6	6	0	101	136
N.I.F.C.	8	5	3	0	82	77
Wanderers	13	5	6	[illegible]	128	114
Blackrock	12	4	6	2	76	115
Dolphin	5	3	1	1	43	37
Malone	6	3	2	1	32	23
Queen's U.	8	3	5	0	[illegible]	75
Dublin U.	10	3	5	2	82	81
Garryowen	2	2	0	0	16	6
Civil Service	4	2	2	0	25	25
U.C.C.	6	2	2	2	43	32
Constitution	6	2	3	1	49	49
Instonians	8	2	5	1	42	75
Monkstown	11	2	8	1	63	122
Young Munster	2	1	1	0	13	[illegible]
Sunday's Well	4	1	3	0	38	50
Collegians	6	1	5	0	36	94
Curragh Com.	6	1	5	0	17	78
Bohemians	2	0	2	0	3	19

GOLF CLUB NOTICES

Milltown.—Ladies. Jan. 5—Medal, first 9 holes; start by 3 o'c.

Foxrock.—Saturday—Scotch foursomes, bogey; sweepstakes.

Castle.—Ladies. Club foursomes—Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Williams 34, the Misses Kennedy 37. Friday—Medal. Jan. 4—Foursomes; draw 2.30.

Rathfarnham. — Saturday — Fourball, bogey, 9 holes.

Donabate.—Ladies. December medal—Mrs. Lees.

Bray.—Saturday, Jan. 2—Medal.

D.U.T. CHRISTMAS EVE TRAFFIC

700,000 PASSENGERS

Passengers carried in the Dublin United Transport Company's 'buses and trams this Christmas Eve totalled over 700,000, approximately the same number as for Christmas Eve, 1941, although a much larger number of 'buses was then in service until a later hour.

The company, says an official statement, is glad to acknowledge the helpfulness of the public, which contributed much to make this feat possible. By their patience, good humour and consideration in shopping earlier, queueing, tendering exact fares and so on, travellers made the transport men's tasks easier and thereby enabled them to carry more than could have been expected in the difficult conditions of the emergency.

An advertisement appearing in this issue announces that minor changes of timetable on some 'bus routes will operate on 1st January.

UNCUSTOMED GOODS

For having been concerned in dealing in uncustomed goods—12 pairs of women's artificial silk stockings, a suit of artificial silk pyjamas, a pair of artificial silk knickers, an underskirt, and a pair of fur-backed gloves, Thomas Wilkinson Beattie, of Belton terrace, Bray, was fined £15 at Belfast yesterday.

He said that he had received the articles as Christmas presents for other people and did not make a profit.

BEVERIDGE PLAN CRITICISED

WHAT INSURANCE COMPANIES SAY

PRELIMINARY observations of the Industrial Life Offices' Association on the Beveridge report are contained in a memorandum issued last night.

Recognising the "masterly and comprehensive" nature of Sir William's survey, it says that there appears to have been insufficient realisation of the fact that it is at present only a series of suggestions by one man. The Association represents 25 Industrial Assurance Companies, and collecting Friendly Societies, and the Prudential Assurance Co., Ltd. Its memorandum at the outset states that the offices, "far from being opposed to practical steps being taken to give effect to the (Freedom from Want) policy by the development of well-considered measures to ensure social security, are most willing to co-operate heartily to this end."

UNWIELDY SCHEME

In the opinion of the offices, Sir William's plan for unification of social insurance schemes and greater uniformity in benefit and contribution would be extravagant and unwieldy even if workable. His proposals to abolish approved societies are held to be undermined by his admission that, while uniform benefit and contribution are fundamental to the scheme, there may be considerable variations in rates and benefits owing to differences in the cost of living.

The offices describe as "fallacious and improper" Sir William's statement that industrial life offices should not be agents of the Social Insurance Fund because of the temptation to be liberal with the fund's moneys to retain customers and so increase their own profits. A considerable part of industrial assurance business, they state, had a "no profit" motive. "Discrimination" between trade unions and friendly societies on the one hand and industrial life offices on the other is declared to be "influenced by political bias."

It is recalled that a Royal Commission in 1926 opposed amalgamation of all insurance resources in a common fund on the ground that it would create as much discontent as it would allay. The offices argue that life assurance can be more effectively encouraged by private enterprise than by a monopoly.

FUNERAL GRANTS

The proposed funeral grant is criticised as being admittedly already provided for in most cases by industrial insurance. It would, they say, be more efficient and economical to continue to make use of approved societies and industrial life offices than "to cast everything into the melting pot to create this new State department." This would be in harmony with British character, which preferred elasticity and freedom to rigidity and State control.

Stressing the world-wide ramifications of insurance companies' business, the offices state that interference on the lines contemplated would, in its disastrous results, have serious repercussions throughout the Empire.

SHORTHORN BULLS

R.D.S. SPECIAL PRIZE

To encourage the breeding of dairy shorthorn bulls, with good milk yields, the Royal Dublin Society has offered a special prize to be awarded at the Spring Show, which begins on March 3.

The award will be given to the pedigree dairy shorthorn bull, whose dam, and the dam of whose sire, shall each have registered milk yields of not less than 7,500 lbs. of milk containing not less than 280 lbs. of butter fat, which the Royal Dublin Society is to offer for competition at the March Show and Sale of Pure-bred Bulls at Ballsbridge.

While agreeing that the award, regarded as recognition of the breeding of a fine milking strain was a good thing, a well-known agricultural expert told an *Irish Times* reporter, yesterday, that he was afraid that it would have no effect in bringing the farmers around to the view that the cow-testing was an absolute necessity. "It is," he said, "like blowing a breath on the fringe of a garment. Cow-testing in this country is a seriously neglected aspect of Irish dairy farming."

"I see," he said, "that the British Minister for Agriculture referred to apathy to cow-testing on the part of the British farmer a few days ago, and said that the farmer who did not have his cows tested was like a motorist who ran his car without speedometer or petrol gauge. That shows that the British are waking up at long last to its importance. Over here, however, farmers, through want of education, or lack of a true appreciation of the importance of the matter, are not yet awake to the necessity of cow-testing. A farmer who does not have his milk hard tested periodically is simply keeping his cows as boarders," he said.

The Society's list of prizes and detailed rules and regulations to be observed by exhibitors have now been published. Shorthorn, dairy shorthorn, non-pedigree dairy shorthorn, Aberdeen-Angus and Hereford bulls will be represented at the Show and Sale, which will occupy four days—March 3, 4, 10 and 11. Sales at last year's corresponding event totalled £32,835.

More Axis Ships Sunk

A British Admiralty communiqué yesterday announced:—

"In the Gulf of Hammamet one of H.M. submarines, under the command of Commander B. Bryant, D.S.C., R.N., attacked and sank a small enemy supply ship laden with petrol. Later the same submarine attacked a small enemy tanker, which was subsequently seen beached. Both enemy vessels were south-bound. A third small enemy supply ship in the same area was also attacked and sunk.

"Off the Italian coast near Naples the submarine under the command of Lieutenant-Commander L. W. Napier, R.N., attacked and probably sank a medium-sized enemy supply ship which was laden and north-bound."

TWO FINES OF £100

HARBOURING CORKS FOR EXPORT

On a charge of having harboured one hundred gross of bottle corks, with intent to export them to Eire, James McMahon, publican, of Castleblayney, and of Kasmir road, Belfast, was fined £100 at Belfast yesterday; and his brother, Louis McMahon, of 85 Falls road, Belfast, was fined a similar sum for having caused the articles to be harboured.

Mullingar Girl's Death.—A verdict, in accordance with medical evidence, of death from cardiac failure, due to pulmonary tuberculosis, was returned at an inquest in Mullingar yesterday on Rose McCoy, aged 16, who had died in a chair at her home, without having seen a doctor. Her father stated that she had refused to see a doctor, fearing that she might be sent to hospital. On the day of her death a doctor had been summoned, but she died before he could arrive.

THE CONTROL OF ESSENTIALS

MAY CONTINUE AFTER THE WAR

GOVERNMENT control of essential commodities for many years to come is forecast by Mr. W. F. Weir, Hon. Secretary, in his report to the annual meeting of the United Commercial Travellers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Central Hotel, Dublin, last night.

Neutrality, he said, did not prevent reactions to the war, and commercial travellers had been subject to increasing shortages of materials and to many difficulties, including the securing of permits where manufacturers were able to supply goods. The Government may, or may not, have good reason for refusing permits, but, he said, it is difficult for a man who can sell goods that are manufactured to waiting customers to understand why permits are refused.

Despite all the difficulties the committee felt that they were not nearly so badly off as they might have been, simply because so many firms had dealt with consideration for commercial travellers.

When peace came he did not think it likely that they would go back to the old *régime*. When peace did come it was possible that, owing to scarcity, the Government would control all essential things for a good many years to come. They hoped that that Government control would be exercised with practical knowledge with regard to values both of manufacture, distribution, and salesmanship. Without such practical control there was just a chance that commerce and trade would be crushed to a great extent.

The report, which was unanimously adopted, stated that there were 465 paid-up members.

Mr. A. W. Kirkpatrick, outgoing President, was re-elected for the third successive year. Other elections were—Mr. J. Luger, Chairman; Mr. W. G. C. Buckley, Vice-Chairman; Mr. J. H. A. Simms, Hon. Treasurer; and Mr. W. F. Weir, Hon. Secretary.

MULLINGAR TURF SUPPLIES

MANAGER'S SHARP CRITICISM

FIGURES submitted by the Town Clerk, Mrs. R. Carroll, of purchases and sales of turf and the balance remaining on hands do not reconcile that there is a discrepancy of 200 tons in the figure of 1,283 tons remaining on hands, stated Mr. Hayes, County Manager, in a report to the Mullingar Town Commissioners.

He stated that he wished it to be clearly understood that he was not taking any responsibility for the condition of affairs. The whole turf position was discussed at a special meeting of Commissioners, of which the Press received no notice.

Mr. Hayes reported that records of purchases presented to him by the Town Clerk disclosed that 617 tons, 5 cwt. 3 qrs. of turf were purchased by weight and 7,231 boxes by measurement, the cost of the turf being £2,280 3s. 8d., haulage £1,138 2s. 6d., insurance £16 10s., weighing £12 1s., rent £43, wages and miscellaneous £321 15s., on overdraft £56 5s., making a total cost of £3,867 17s. 3d. to 31st March, 1942. The following estimated costings were then added: Sale of turf £150, loss £300, bank interest £200, rent £175, making the total estimated cost £4,693 7s. 3d. 723 tons 2 cwt. 1 qr., 759 tons 3 cwt. 3 qrs., and 314 tons 3 cwt. were stored in three depots.

It will be noted here, said Mr. Hayes, that there is a large discrepancy as compared with the figures on which the Commissioners based their costings. It appears that a quantity was stored in the Market House and sold; 1,283 tons, 5 cwt. 1 qr. were on hands, and a sum of £2,904 18s. 7d. was due to the bank. Total sales to 11th December were £627 0s. 2d., and the receipts £1,370 17s. 8d. Total expenditure was £4,445 19s. 3d., and the deficit due to the bank was £3,074 16s. 7d.

Mr. Hayes reported that he had visited the stores himself and estimated the total of 860 tons for three depots. This is 400 tons less than the estimated figure submitted and 600 less than the difference between the estimated amount purchased and the quantity sold.

The Commissioners grossly over-estimated the relative weight of measurement. The figure charged for turf of £2 5s. per ton was grossly underestimated. In fact, the economic price at which the turf could have been sold was £2 17s. The figure for haulage must be considered very excessive and not justified on any account.

He referred to a quantity of turf which was in a very bad condition.

FOOD MARKETS

CATTLE.

GLASGOW (Merklands)—Irish cattle landed here in the past week totalled 990, made up of 673 stores and 317 fat stock; the latter were slaughtered. Details:—140 stores, 237 fat from Belfast; 445 stores from Dublin; 33 stores from Derry; 25 stores and 80 fat stock from Cork.

GRAIN.

DUBLIN GRAIN.—Wheat 47/- to 50/-, barley 35/-, and oats 21/- to 25/8 per barrel (control prices).

PROVISIONS.

DUBLIN BUTTER AND EGG.—Fair supplies, with demand steady at: Creams 214/8 per cwt., less box allowance. Eggs: Specials 33/- to 35/6, standards 31/6 to 32/-, selected 30/-, pullets 29/6, and ducks 32/- per 120.

Little Green Street Market, Dublin. CARTON BROS., Ltd.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN FISH.—Lobsters 25/- to 55/- per 13; soles, black 6/- to 7/- per lb.; cod 39/- to 60/-, whiting 16/- to 45/-, ray 31/- to 42/-, herrings 25/- to 34/-, and codling 35/- to 40/- per box.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Best table classes 9/-, and Banners 8/- per cwt. ex store.

DUBLIN FRUIT AND VEGETABLE.—Moderate supplies met a fair demand at: York cabbage, large 40/- to 78/-, small 13/- to 30/-; Savoy, large 45/- to 70/-, small 25/- to 35/- per load; swedes 4/- to 5/9, mangolds 3/- to 3/3 per cwt.; cauliflowers 2/6 to 5/-, seconds 6d. to 1/6; red cabbage 1/- to 2/- per doz.; beet 1/6, carrots 1/- to 3/- per doz. bunches, 6/- to 10/- per bag; parsnips 6/- to 9/-, onions 18/- to 40/- per bag; tomatoes 1/6 to 3/4 per lb.; turnips 3d. to 7d., celery 6/- to 11/- per bunch; sprouts 3/- to 5/-, parsley 1/- per chip; apples, cooking 1/6 to 3/-, and dessert 4/- to 8/- per stone.

J. J. LIGHTFOOT & SON, M.I.A.A., Auctioneers of all Classes of Fruit, Flowers and Vegetables, MARY'S LANE & GEORGE'S HILL, DUBLIN. —(Advt.)

DUBLIN POULTRY.—Small offerings, with demand steady for best fresh arrivals, at: Chickens 1/5 to 1/8, hens 1/4 to 1/5, ducks 1/5 to 1/6, fresh turkeys 2/4 to 2/6, geese 1/5 per lb.; rabbits 1/8, large 1/9; hares 3/6, pheasants, cocks 5/6, hens 4/6; wild duck 3/-, teal 1/-, widgeon 1/6, golden plover 1/4, green 8d., wild geese 4/6 to 6/6, and snipe 10d. each.

MANCHESTER GAME AND DEAD POULTRY—Marketings of game and dead poultry show few signs of improvement, and with steady demand maintained, supplies are insufficient for requirements. Cock pheasants 7/6, hen 6/9 each; red grouse 9/6, black 12/-; partridge 8/6 brace. No hares were available. Turkeys scarce 2/9; fowls, chickens ducks and geese 1/9 per lb. Limited supplies rabbits 11½d. per lb., wholesale (control prices).

MISCELLANEOUS.

DUBLIN HAY AND STRAW.—Light offerings proved sufficient for quiet demand around late rates. Best hay 11/6 to 13/6, secondary 9/6 to 11/-; wheaten, oat, meadow 8/- to 9/-, other 6/- to 7/6, and straw 3/- to 3/6 per cwt.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

GAIETY THEATRE.
7.15 ...... ONCE NIGHTLY 7.15
Matinees:
To-day (Wed.), Saturday & Monday, 2.30
JIMMY O'DEA in
NEW AND ORIGINAL PANTOMIME,
"THE ACE OF QUEENS."
By HARRY O'DONOVAN,
with May Devitt, Josephine O'Hagan.
Booking Open Daily, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

OLYMPIA THEATRE
Nightly at 7.15. Matinee To-day at 2.30.
THE GREAT BENYON PRESENTS
BAM-BOO-ZALEM'S
GREAT MAGICAL PANTOMIME.
Also MICKY MAXIE'S CIRCUS OF DOGS, MONKEYS AND GEESE.
A Fun Furore for All the Family.
Booking Daily, 10.30-6, 7.30-9 p.m.
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ABBEY THEATRE
AT 7.30 P.M.
"THE PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD."
By J. M. SYNGE.
Setting and Costumes Designed by Sean Keating, R.H.A.

GATE.
EDWARDS—MacLIAMMOIR.
7.15 NIGHTLY. MATINEES, 2.30.
"JACK-IN-THE-BOX."
BY POPULAR DEMAND,
SPECIAL MATINEE,
TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), DEC. 30th.
Now Booking, 10.30 to 7. 'Phone 44045.

METROPOLE To-day at 2.15, 4.30, 6.30, 9.10.
Lynn Bari, Don Ameche, Edward Everett Horton and Henry Fonda
in "THE MAGNIFICENT DOPE."

METROPOLE BALLROOM
NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE
ALL TICKETS SOLD.

GRAFTON Contns., 2 to 10.30. 2.35, 4.45, 6.55, 9.10
ABBOTT and COSTELLO
In their greatest Laugh Riot,
"PARDON MY SARONG."

THEATRE DE LUXE
Dublin's Super Cinema, 3-10.30 p.m.
Olivia De Havilland, Henry Fonda and Eugene Pallette in THE FEMALE WINS.
Showing at 3.52, 6.22, 8.52.

QUEEN'S
AN OUTSTANDING TRIUMPH.
EIRE O'REILLY in
"CINDERELLA,"
With JIMMY HARVEY and a STAR CAST OF FAVOURITE ARTISTES.
Times—2, 5.30 and 8.15.
Prices: 1/6, 1/4, 1/- and 8d. Box Seats 3/- res. Children Half-price Matinees only. Children in arms not admitted.

ASTORIA DUN LAOGHAIRE. At 4.2, 6.34, 9.9.
SABU and RAYMOND MASSEY in "THE DRUM." (In Technicolor.)
Joe Penner in "I'm from the City."
Thurs.: WHEN TO-MORROW COMES.

GREEN—3.25, 6.0 and 8.35. Joel McCrea, George Sanders, "Foreign Correspondent." Also Chaplin: Champion Charlie. At 3.5, 5.40, and 8.15.

WARD UNION HUNT.
THE ANNUAL HUNT BALL
Will be Held in
THE GRESHAM HOTEL, DUBLIN,
On FRIDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1943.
Tickets, £1, can be had from P. F. Cannon, The Ward, Co. Dublin, or the Gresham Hotel.

ROYAL Doors Open 12.15 p.m.
Show Commences 12.45 p.m.
All This Week. Note Times of Showing. Film at 12.45, 4 o'c., 7.15. Panto at 1.30, 4.45, 8 o'c.
You cannot afford to miss the Show that is Breaking all Theatrical Records. Now in its 2nd successful week.
"RED RIDING HOOD."
In Ten Magnificent Scenes, with a Cast of ONE HUNDRED FAVOURITES.
WILLIAM TRACY in
"ABOUT FACE."

REGAL ROOMS CINEMA. At 2.0, 4.14, 6.28, 8.42.
CLARK GABLE JEANETTE McDONALD SPENCER TRACY
"SAN FRANCISCO."

SAVOY At 2 o'c., 4.21, 6.42, 9.3.
HURRY—LAST TWO DAYS.
KATHRYN GRAYSON, VAN HEFLIN in
'SEVEN SWEETHEARTS.'
Friday: BOOK FOR SUNDAY NIGHT. The Film you've all been waiting to see!
RITA HAYWORTH VICTOR MATURE
In the great Technicolour Musical,
"MY GAL SAL."
JOHN SUTTON. CAROLE LANDIS.

ASTOR.
RETAINED !!
J. B. PRESTLEY'S
"LET THE PEOPLE SING"
First Time To Ireland.
"Excellent entertainment . . . A First-rate Picture."—"Mail."
FRED EMNEY, ALASTAIR SIM, OLIVER WAKEFIELD.
AT 2.10, 4.20, 6.30, 8.40.

CARLTON Last 2 days. 2.5, 4.25, 6.50, 9.15.
JOE E. BROWN in his Funniest Film,
"SHUT MY BIG MOUTH."
Extra: "PARACHUTE NURSE."
Fri.—Irene Dunne in "Lady in a Jam."

CAPITOL To-day at 2 o'c., 4.15, 6.30, 8.45.
A Tribute in Glorious Technicolour.
Wilfrid Lawson, Elizabeth Allen, in
"THE GREAT MR. HANDEL."
Restaurant & Lounge Open Noon to 11.30.

ADELPHI Showing at 2.32, 4.40, 6.48, 8.56.
The Year's Greatest Musical Romance.
BING CROSBY and FRED ASTAIRE in
"HOLIDAY INN."

PAVILION DUN LAOGHAIRE. Con. 3.0 to 10.30.
To-day: Jean Rogers in "Sunday Punch." Chester Morris in "No Hands on the Clock." Thursday: "CALL OUT THE MARINES," and Mexican Spitfire at Sea.

REGENT CINEMA, BLACKROCK.
"RIDE 'EM, COWBOY."
Thursday: "MELODY RANCH."
Also "Torchy Blane in Chinatown."

CORINTHIAN.
"THE GIRL FROM ALASKA."
At 2.15, 4.41, 6.57, 9.24.
"HOME IN WYOMIN."
At 3.27, 5.53, 8.9.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

LURGAN AND PORTADOWN DISTRICT HOSPITAL.
RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER WANTED.
A RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER is required to take up duty early in JANUARY. Remuneration will be at the rate of £100 per annum; Rations and Furnished Apartments are provided at the Hospital. The appointment will be for a period of six months. Applications should be accompanied by Certificates of Qualifications and not more than three recent Testimonials, and should be submitted at the earliest possible date.
I. E. BELL, Clerk to Governors.
District Hospital, Lurgan, 23rd December, 1942.

A SERVICE OF HEALING
THE MAGDALEN CHURCH, LOWER LEESON STREET.
Will be Held This (Wednesday) Afternoon At 3 o'clock.

LEGAL NOTICES.

In the Goods of MARY TERESA MASON, late of No. 12 South King Street, in the City of Dublin, Widow, Deceased.
All persons having claims against the Estate of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 13th day of December, 1942, should furnish forthwith particulars thereof (in writing) to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executors.
W. J. SHANNON & CO., Solicitors, 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin.

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ROYAL MAIL
BRAZIL, URUGUAY & ARGENTINA, WEST INDIES & NORTH PACIFIC.
For further particulars apply to
ROYAL MAIL LINES, Ltd.
London—Royal Mail House, Leadenhall St., E.C.3.
Liverpool—Goree, Water St. (3).
Dublin—Hewett's Travel Agency, D'Olier St.; British & Irish Steam Packet Co., Ltd., 27 Sir John Rogerson's Quay; Thomas Cook & Son, Ltd., 118 Grafton St.; or Local Agents

SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

MOUNTJOY SCHOOL, DUBLIN.
Incorporated Society's Collegiate School. BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR BOYS FROM 9 YEARS.
SCHOOL REOPENS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6th, 1943.
BOARDERS RETURN THE PREVIOUS AFTERNOON.
For Prospectus and List of Successes apply to
W. TATE, M.A. (Sen. Mod.), Headmaster.

VILLIERS SCHOOL PRIZE DAY

The Dramatic Society of Villiers School, Limerick, performed scenes from the "School For Scandal," produced by Mrs. Burrows, at their annual prize distribution.

Before reading the annual report, the Headmaster, the Rev. G. H. J. Burrows, read the minute of appreciation passed by the Board of Governors on the death of Miss Edna Scott, who, "during her five years' membership of the staff, brought to the discharge of her duties all her great gifts—mental, moral, and spiritual."

The report for the year showed the steady growth of the school, and referred to the opening of a boys' boarding establishment in the New Year, larger class-rooms for the senior school, and a special room for the new nursery school. Mr. Burrows mentioned the success of pupils in the Intermediate and Cambridge Certificate Examinations, and also the successes of past pupils; and, in conclusion, he paid tribute to the governors, staff, and pupils.

The Rev. G. S. Baker, B.D., distributing the prizes, said that, from his own teaching experience, pupils never gained anything by trying to narrow education; accordingly, he asked them to keep their range of subjects as wide as possible, warning them, however, to remember that the promised land of enjoyment in learning could only be reached by hard work.

The Rev. A. E. Hewetson-Jones, Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided.

COST OF LIVING

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES

SIR,—It is difficult to see why "A Student of Economics," in your issue of this date, should take your readers back to November, 1938. Why not take the cost of living figure for August, 1939, which was the month immediately prior to the outbreak of war? The index figure then was 173; it is now 273.

This represents an increase of 58 per cent. It means that the pound sterling has dropped in purchasing value to 12s. 8d., or, in other words, goods that could be purchased for 20s. in August, 1939, now cost 31s. 7d.

It is interesting to note that wage restrictions have been in operation since May, 1941, yet in that period the cost of living has gone up by 53 points, or 24 per cent.—Yours, etc.,

J. T. O'FARRELL, Secretary,
Railway Clerks' Association,
23 Upper O'Connell street,
Dublin.

December 29, 1942.

DEAR JUNIPER BERRIES

Migrating seabirds bring juniper seeds from Dalmatia, in the warm Mediterranean, to the West Irish coast, where the shrubs grow, and the resulting berries are plucked, squeezed of their vital essence in the Golden Vale, and go to enrich the thinned war-time stores of chemists and gin-distillers.

This was told to the *Irish Times* yesterday by an official of a County Tipperary firm which handles the berries—as well as herbs in general—for both the export and the home market. The seeds take root and grow on the Arran Islands and on patches of the west coast. From the first appearance of the berries in a small green state, they take three years to mature. The pre-war price was from £25 to £30 a ton, but war-time demand has raised the present price to £300.

The same firm is also raising celandine for use in cosmetics manufacture, and many kinds of herbs.

OBITUARY
PROFESSOR WILLIAM BERGIN

The death is announced of Professor William Bergin, M.A., M.R.I.A., who, until his retirement in 1931, had been for almost forty years Professor of Natural Philosophy at University College, Cork. Born in County Kildare in 1864, he was educated at Tullabeg College and at Trinity College, Dublin, where he was an outstanding student. In 1895 he was appointed Professor of Natural Philosophy at the old Queen's College, Cork, and he occupied the chair for 36 years. In 1931 he was appointed Emeritus Professor of Physics. He married, in 1911, Miss Aileen Grace Lane, daughter of Mr. Denny Lane. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. Professor Bergin was an enthusiastic golfer, a member of the Cork Golf Club, and also a member of the United Hunt Club.

WEDDINGS

OLDEN — FORSYTHE. — The wedding took place yesterday at Tartaraghan Church of the Rev. Aidan R. C. Olden, M.A., Succentor of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, son of the Rev. G. R. C. and Mrs. Olden, St. Columba's Rectory, Knock, Belfast, and Miss Eithne Bayne Forsythe, M.A., daughter of the Rev. J. and Mrs. Forsythe, Tartaraghan, Portadown. The bride's father, who officiated, was assisted by the Rev. J. Heney, B.D. The bride was given away by Mr. Edgar McConnell, B.E., and was attended by Miss Margaret B. McConnell. Mr. Cecil Conyngham was best man. After a reception held at the bride's home, the Rev. A. R. C. and Mrs. Olden left for the South of Ireland.

WOODWARD—MOLLOY — The wedding took place at the University Church, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, yesterday, of Mr. Bernard W. Woodward, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Woodward, Foston, Derby, and Miss Una Molloy, youngest daughter of the late Mr. James Molloy, and of Mrs. Molloy, of Mohill, Co. Leitrim. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. J. O'Donnell, C.C., Mohill, assisted by the Rev. E. O'Carroll, C.C., Carrick-on-Shannon. The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. T. P. Burke, had as bridesmaid her sister, Miss Martha A. Molloy, and the best man was the bride's brother, Mr. Edward Molloy. After a reception at the Four Courts Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Woodward left for their honeymoon.

CHURCH SERVICES

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.—10, Matins, Litany. 4, Evensong (unaccompanied Service).

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—10.45, Matins. 3, Evensong (men's voices only).

THE MAGDALEN CHURCH, Lower Leeson Street (the Church's Ministry of Healing).—8, H.C. 3, Healing Service, with Laying-on of Hands and Address.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, Rathmines.—11.15, H.C. 7.30, Intercession Service.

CHRIST CHURCH, Leeson Park.—9.45, Intercession. 11.30, H.C.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH.—11, Litany and Ramsey Lecture.

ST. WERBURGH'S.—8, E.P.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, Dublin, Lr. Baggot street, is branch church of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass. Services: Sunday, 11.30 a.m. and 7.0 p.m.; Sunday School, 11.30 a.m.; Wednesday, Testimony Meeting, 8 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room (same address) open daily, except Saturdays, from 2 to 5; Sundays, 5-7

THE SUN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	9.41	9.41
Sets	5.15	5.16
Lighting-up Time	5.45	5.46

HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Morning	5.29	6.21
Evening	5.41	6.45

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30, 1942.

The Russian Offensive

Although the arrival of winter conditions in Russia is overdue, there seems to be no abatement in the violence of the Soviet offensive. At a time when the Germans had hoped to be able to relax in winter quarters, they are being forced to fight without respite, and there is no doubt that the general initiative has passed from German into Russian hands. Yesterday's German *communiqué* spoke of "signicant defensive successes" between the Volga and the Don, particularly in the famous Don "elbow"; but the main significance of this statement is the use of the word "defensive." General von Hoth's forces seem to be retreating steadily, although they are fighting determined rear-guard actions all along the line. Marshal Timoshenko's strategy has been to drive wedges between the German armies in the Stalingrad area, using the so-called "pincer" technique which first was employed by the Germans in France, in order to be able to tackle them in detail rather than in a concerted action. For the first time in many weeks the Soviet's bulletin yesterday mentioned a place-name, and a highly important place-name at that. In a special announcement last evening the Russian High Command claimed to have captured the town and railway station of Kotelnikovo, some ninety-five miles to the south-west of Stalingrad. Kotelnikovo is what is known as a "key" town. Its capture by the Russians almost assuredly will involve a further retreat by the Germans, and even may result in an immediate threat to Rostov-on-Don. The Russians declare that they captured a large quantity of miscellaneous booty at Kotelnikovo, including a trainload of tanks and seventeen undamaged aircraft "The booty," according to the report, "still is being counted." On the Middle Don sector, as well as on the central front, adds the bulletin, "our troops continue their offensive engagements." Evidently, the Russians have reached a point only a couple of miles away from Millerovo, which is another "key" town; but the Germans are said to be putting up fierce resistance in this area.

In the south the Soviet thrust is reported to have penetrated about fifty miles into the heart of the Kalmuck steppes, as far as the town of Kichkino, one hundred and twenty-five miles south-west of Stalingrad, compelling the Germans to retreat from a position which was causing some embarrassment to the Russian High Command. On the whole, there can be no reasonable doubt that Marshal Timoshenko's well-timed counter-offensive is achieving quite a remarkable measure of success. Of course, it hardly can be compared with the swift advance of the German armies during the summer months; but it must be remembered that, although the worst of the Russian winter lies well ahead, climatic conditions, even in South Russia, militate against offensive operations, and that progress, in the nature of things, must be comparatively slow. On balance, when one reviews the Russian campaign of 1942, one realises that history once again is repeating itself, and that the German armies are undergoing almost precisely the same experiences that fell to their lot twelve months ago. Leningrad, Moscow, even Stalingrad, still are in Russian hands. The rich oil-fields of the Caucasus have not been captured; and, although heavy losses must have been inflicted on the Russians, the Germans' own losses cannot have been negligible. Since the winter offensive began, both sides have been trying to husband their resources against the coming year's campaigning season. Only portion of the German and Russian forces have been engaged, and both sides still command colossal reserves. Nevertheless, the present situation must be causing some concern to Herr Hitler's generals; for it is evident that there has been no loosening of Russian *moral*. It also is evident that, in spite of their notable losses during the summer, the Soviet armies still have no appreciable shortage either of man-power or of material.

Retreat in Africa

Field-Marshal Rommel's intentions remain obscure. Last Friday the pursuing British troops occupied the town of Sirte, the only town of any importance between Benghazi and Misurata, and now are approaching a particularly difficult *terrain*. All the evidence goes to show that the Axis troops are putting much of their energy into delaying actions, for which the road between Sirte and Misurata is particularly suitable. The route is intersected by deep, almost precipitous wadis, or water-courses; and of these obstacles the first, and probably the largest, is the Wadi Bei el Kebir, approximately thirty miles to the west of Sirte. No positive news has arrived, but there is little doubt that the British are already in this vicinity, and may be at the present moment at grips with the Axis rearguard. When, and if, they fight their way past it, they will find another unpleasant obstacle in the form of the Wadi Zemzem; and even then they must negotiate the difficulties of the stretch of road leading to Misurata, which, being flanked by salt marshes, will not be passed—if, as is almost inevitable, it is defended—without trouble. Thus far, however, the Marshal has given no indication of the place where he intends to make his decisive stand. Most of the commentators are reluctant to believe that he will stop at Misurata, in spite of its natural advantages, and prefer to think that he will carry on, obstructing the British advance with all the means at his disposal, until Tripoli itself is reached. At Tripoli he will be in a useful position to receive reinforcements from Italy, and the town itself, with its approaches, is said to be suitable for defence. There is another school of thought which maintains that he will not offer any major resistance until he has reached Tunisia, where he will try to force his way northwards along the coast and join hands with the now considerable Axis garrisons at Tunis and Bizerta. His arrival would be a serious reinforcement to the garrisons; for, while his army has suffered severe losses both in *personnel* and in material during its retreat, it still is a strong force, and Marshal Rommel himself is as capable a leader as ever he was. As matters are, General Alexander is unlikely to be able to advance with any greater speed, and the Allied hope of a successful trapping of Marshal Rommel depends on the rapidity with which General Eisenhower can handle his problems in Tunisia. There the situation has not changed to any radical degree for some time past. The Allies continue to make a small advance at this point, a small retreat at that point; but, in the meanwhile, it is clear that both sides are being reinforced with all possible speed, and that a major battle is impending. If, by a supreme effort, the Allies can thrust the Axis forces out of Tunis and Bizerta, Marshal Rommel's chance of saving his army will be small. So long as those powerful garrisons remain in possession, he can continue his retreat in the knowledge that he cannot be trapped.

Not So General Knowledge

"General knowledge" is a term as wide, perhaps, in its application as "common sense." It is a corollary of universal education that such knowledge should become the object of admiration and ambition; and that it has become so is shown by the wide popularity of the "Quiz" contests. Brains Trusts and Question Times that provide a great part of the entertainment of America and the British Isles at the present time. Any party nowadays relies for its success not upon singers of Victorian ballads or of comic songs, nor yet upon those who can "truck" and perform the Conga; the life and soul is he who knows just where stout Cortez stood when he gazed with eagle eyes, and who was the founder of the Gaelic Athletic Association. General knowledge tests have long formed a part of the programme of many schools. They have been used, frequently, as a mild conclusion to a series of examinations, or as a means of passing the classes on that invariably insurgent day before the holidays. In King William's College, Isle of Man, they have been used for many years to ensure that the brains of the pupils do not stagnate during the Christmas vacation, under the soporific influence of turkey and plum-pudding. The paper is set before the holiday, the boys prepare for it while at home, and on their return to school they answer it. That sounds easy enough; and many a schoolboy has often wished that the same considerate system might be adopted for all examinations. There is a catch. There are 180 questions, and many of them would tax the resources even of the crossword puzzle enthusiast. How has Ranavalona's domain attracted attention? Who assassinated William the Silent, Spencer Perceval, Abraham Lincoln, Cock Robin? Who said: "A woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke"? On Tigers, "What Tiger liked everything except honey and haycorns?" is easily answered by any Pooh-lover; "Whose Tiger is a Pyrotechnic?" is neat, but not difficult; but "Who subscribed to buy the Tiger, 'great Buonaparte to whip'?" is a little too difficult for the party guests. One can only feel that, if the King William's College custom spreads to many other educational establishments, the post-war world will rank "Brains Trustee" as one of the overcrowded professions; and, in the near future, junior will be called into service to assist father with his homework.

LADY TRIMLESTOWN is Chairman of the committee in charge of the arrangements for the New Year's Eve dance, in aid of the Order of Malta Dublin Ambulance Equipment Fund, which will take place at the Royal Hibernian Hotel.

Lady Dorothy Sharp has arrived in Ireland from Cheshire.

Mrs. Massy and her son, Mr. M. Massy, who have arrived in Dublin from Rathkeale, County Limerick, are staying at the Royal Hibernian Hotel.

Captain Charles Knight will be the lecturer to-morrow at the Royal Dublin Society, when he will speak on "Wild Life in Africa."

Brigadier and Mrs. Lawler have arrived in Dublin from Northern Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Horsborough Porter spent the week-end at Clandeboye with the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Weldon are at present staying at Croghan, County Roscommon, with the Hon. William and Mrs. French.

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Fredrick Ralph George, Royal Inniskillings, second son of Captain and Mrs. Westropp George, Sessiagh Lodge, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal, to Doreen Leigh Kennedy, W.A.A.F., twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Kennedy, Knockranny, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow.

Dr. Kevin Malley has returned to 57 Merrion square.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL.

A Ball, in aid of The Order of Malta Dublin Ambulance Units' Equipment Fund, will take place at the Royal Hibernian Hotel on New Year's Eve. Dancing, 10-3. Tickets, £1 each, including Buffet.

The Naas Harrier Hunt Club will hold their Hunt Ball in Lawlor's Ballroom, Naas, on New Year's Night. Subscription 15/- (inclusive).

CRUISKEEN LAWN
By Myles na gCopaleen

ONE of these (fine) days (I don't know which one yet) I must look into the English that is used in these standard "critique" jobs that keep on at that obscure agricultural occupation, (cropping up) in the papers. Where a play is very popular one reads that "every seat in the house was filled." It is inconceivable that *every* member of the audience could be so well nourished. "Occupied" is what they mean, of course. I was going to say "paid for" but that would be sometimes quite wrong.

"I heard the place was full last night."

"Yerra get away out of that, man, sure the house was full of paper."

Every time I hear that (particular) phrase, I have an itch to ring up the waste paper people on the telephone (and not (mark you) on the old sodden clothes line I have in the (back) yard. (Please see my design for a house where the yard is at the front. Lovely windows, wide hall door, but you have to make (your way) up to the house past the 1917 De Dion propped up on stilts under a dripping oil cover, the rickety meat safe, the old shovels, barrels, bottles and rubbish of every kind.)

But this theatre that's full of paper. Sneak up to the gallery by the back stairs. See —no (yawning) abyss of tiers, seats, brass and plush balustrades.— Just a great sea of paper, billowing right up to the floor of the top gallery and completely swallowing the arch of the stage. What a sight! Can we resist the urge to take an enormous lep into the middle of it? No, we cannot—it's like spitting into the water when you are looking over the side of a bridge. We get up on the balustrade and with a wild scream (launch) ourselves into space. We land on the soft white plain. We begin to sink deliciously. But what is this? Vague movement below, muffled sounds! There's an audience there. Somebody has blundered. Somebody has filled the house with paper without first making sure that it is empty. But no matter. We begin to tunnel downward like moles to where we think the bar should be.

I have been looking over some little cuttings I have, taken from a certain newspaper. This, apropos of the Trinity Choral Society: "The choral work here was excellent, the parts being nicely balanced, the tone good, and always with plenty of reserve. . . ." Nice reserved crowd them Trinity lads; the voice always nice and low, not like your other cawbogues above in Earlsfort Terrace forever bawling out "Galway Bay" inside in the snug of a certain public house.

Then "La Traviata." "One liked the facile way the conductor brought his orchestra and singers through the varying moods and changing tempi. . ." Next Sunday Athboy, Tara and the Boyne Valley. All our drivers are teetotal. Hiking section meet Ballast Office. Tea at Fox's, Pine Forest.

Verdi, whom I knew well, was a most fastidious person. Do you know what it is, that man changed his tempo four times a day. I seen him wan day and he changed his tempo *six* times. What do you think of that?

Enough of that. Keats threw a little dinner party once to celebrate looking into Chapman's homework and invited the great electrician Watt. The poet put up a few decent bottles of Beaune and the meal proceeded merrily. Watt was somewhat of a joker and had several tricks that were done with the new-fangled electricity. He "accidentally" dropped a piece of bread into his glass of wine. He muttered some exclamation of annoyance and then touched the glass with his ring. Immediately there was a blinding flash and a loud report and the bread was observed to hop out of the wine on to the table.

"Watt's bread in the Beaune will come out in the flash," Keats said.

By the way, what odd peripatetic custom is associated with a very bad type of young person nowadays?

He is going around.

SECONDHAND BOOKS IN DEMAND
HIGH PRICES

There is a flourishing market in the sale of secondhand textbooks at the moment, and the booksellers are suffering as a result; for university students are holding on to their reference books when they are finished with them, and are demanding exorbitant prices from their successors.

The cutting down in quantity of bindings and publishers' economy of all kinds is helping them to reap their harvest, and booksellers say that the amount of secondhand literature passing through their hands has been much reduced during the last year or so.

High prices are being paid at auctions for medical textbooks, and a copy of the 27th edition of "Gray's Anatomy" was recently knocked down for 57s., when the price of the 28th edition, just out, is only £3.

Circulating libraries catering for a large demand for romantic thrillers and Wild West stories are having great difficulty in procuring stocks; for most of that type of literature is now produced in accordance with war economy standards, bound in cheap cloth and printed on poor paper, and thus is not suitable for circulation, having very little lasting power. Libraries are now among the bidders at auctions for secondhand novels, and at a recent auction 2s. 6d. was the normal price paid for volumes that originally had cost 3s. 6d., and within the last six months 10s. for twenty "Penguins" was paid by a Dublin bookseller to supplement his stock.

The increase in popularity for autobiographies of well-known people and journalists' contemporary surveys, combined with the decline in publishers' output, has resulted in libraries buying up as many copies of these works as they can, so that the secondhand bookseller, catering for the private purchaser, has correspondingly less to offer his customers.

IRISH WILLS

Mr. John Hutson McErvel, 33 Windsor Park, Belfast, and 81A Victoria street, Belfast, who died on 24th September, 1941, left £10,752.

Miss Gertrude Sarah Fisher, 100 Orwell road, Rathgar, Dublin, who died on 13th September last, left £2,669.

THE ITALIAN MINISTER

His Excellency the Italian Minister, Signor Vincenzo Berardis, was received by the President at Arus an Uachtarain yesterday.

Ladies' and gentlemen's changing rooms at Nas na Riogh Hotel.

A visit to Switzers Ladies' Hairdressing Salons will help you to look your best for the New Year Festivities. "Bubbles" or "Characteristic" Hair-cut a speciality; also Eugene, Macdonald and Jamal (machiness) Permanent Waving. 'Phone 76821.

Leaders of Fashion in all Spectacle West — Dixon and Hempenstall, Grafton street.

Bring your friends to the Lounge Bar, Four Courts Hotel.

Slyne's Sale. Substantially reduced prices for nearly all our models.— Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

Clarks shoes for every occasion. Agents, Stephens & Bourke, Ltd.

Sharpley's, Specialists. Baby Linen, Nursery Accouchement Sets. Price List.— 8 Nassau street, Dublin.

Spain: Church and State
By Frank Pierce

Spain. By Salvador de Madariaga. London: Jonathan Cape. 25/- net.

THIS is the second and enlarged edition of a work published in 1930. It now includes a lengthy account of events since the fall of the Monarchy, through the Second Republic and the Civil War, up to the close of the year 1941. Barely one quarter of the volume deals with the land and people of Spain, the history of the mediæval kingdoms, the rise and fall of the Empire, the loss of the American colonies in the early nineteenth century and the history of this century, with the First Republic and the Restoration. The other three-quarters give in detailed fashion an account of the last 56 years—that is, since 1885, when Alfonso XIII. was born king. The text is accompanied by copious explanatory notes and is followed by a few interesting appendices dealing with various events since 1931, during which time Sr. Madariaga served the Second Republic as Ambassador and Representative at the League of Nations.

As a writer on Spanish affairs, cultural and political, he is too well known for any introduction to be called for here. His many years' residence abroad have given him a detached viewpoint from which to study his country and compatriots. Nevertheless, as will be shown, he has not succeeded in ridding himself of all prejudices, and, indeed, this is too much to expect from any man who takes so enthusiastic an interest in his country as he does. He is, withal, one of the best apologists for Spain that the English-speaking world has known.

Sr. Madariaga recognises in Spain the interplay of two mutually contradictory forces; the tendency towards devolution, or, as it is otherwise called, the anarchic individualism of the race, and the reaction towards dictatorship, or the imposition of the will of one section of the country on the whole. The fall of the Empire during and after the Napoleonic invasion let loose these two forces, and the whole of the nineteenth century, up to the Restoration in 1874, after two years of unsuccessful Republican rule, is one of constantly-recurring civil strife, when the Army lost sight of its proper function and became a political force. The period is the struggle between Carlism and the Central Government, or the internal divisions of the Madrid Administration itself. The other historically rooted institution, which had also played its own magnificent part in imperial days, the Church, has likewise a bad record during this period of the last century; for it meddled to such an extent in politics that it only too frequently missed its true mission in the State. With two such forces of organised strength pulling against the establishment of a democratic system, the political history of modern Spain could not but be chequered and disturbed. The part played by the nineteenth and twentieth century Bourbons in this tense drama is one of almost unbroken selfishness and shortsightedness. Constitutional monarchy seems to have been something the Bourbon absolutist mentality could not conceive of, and when Alfonso XIII. committed perjury by breaking his solemn oath to the Constitution and calling in the Army under Primo de Rivera in 1923 he acted according to the traditional methods of his grandmother, Isabel II., and his great-grandfather, Ferdinand VII.

Sr. Madariaga is a democrat of reforming ideas, and he equally castigates the reactionary policy of the landowners and large capitalists in their sabotaging of agrarian reform and social measures. On the other hand, the impatience and unconstitutional violence of the Left Socialists come in for his condemnation, though it is difficult to see how the impasse could have been avoided, except by strong reforming measures. The Spanish Church has, as he points out, the most glorious Catholic tradition in Western Europe, and had it in its power to hold the loyalty and sympathy of the masses, particularly in the matter of the arts, in which Spanish Catholicism is supreme. But it failed, and, in his own words, "the Spanish Church stands in great and urgent need of self-education." Sr. Madariaga further clarifies his point here by stating that these reactionary political tendencies are not due to the Spanish Church being a church, but to its being Spanish.

Catalonia

With regard to the desire of the Catalans and Basques for self-government, he speaks again as a Spaniard of broad Peninsular views. He traces the history of Catalonia as a separate Iberian state from the days of Charlemagne and sees in the modern nineteenth and twentieth century manifestation of Catalanism "one of the few factors which are contributing to the true political re-birth of the whole Peninsula." The entire position is put with a wide sympathy, but Sr. Madariaga, while stating Iberian confederation (including Portugal) to be his hope for the future, fails to see that this must be the outcome of the collaboration of free and mutually-recognised States, and cannot result from the imperialistic tendency of Castile (for such it must be termed) to have under its central suzerainty subject autonomous States. Catalonia is as old a political and cultural unity as Castile, and does not have to appeal to the latter to sanction in any way its title to independence. The actions of the present régime in this regard fully justify the Catalan position, for it is an essentially centralistic and, therefore, Castilian régime.

As for the cultural re-birth of Spain during the reign of Alfonso XIII., Sr. Madariaga shows that it is in striking contrast to the fitful political and social history of the same period. Giner de los Rios, Ganivet, Costa, Unamuno and Ortega y Gasset, are by now international names in education, political theory, philosophy and æsthetics, and suffice to symbolise Spain's vigorous cultural history of the past sixty years. The plastic arts, music, literature and science have all their correspondingly important rôles in this renaissance, and these are adequately assessed by the writer. Also, Spain's now close cultural and spiritual relations with her former colonies of Spanish America rightly justify Senor Madariaga's view that Spain is a world Power in the more lasting sphere—that of the human spirit. She is the only other European Power which has given her civilisation to a large part of the world's surface. That legacy is permanent.

The history of the Second Republic (1931-36), which is the story of the clashing forces of Right and Left (already only too fully implicit in the events of the last century), leading up to the vortex of 1936-39, is told with minuteness and care. The chief criticism to be made here is that the writer writes with the occasional bias of one who was Cabinet Minister under the Right administration. This somewhat clouds his vision of contemporary events. Let it be stated, however, that his sympathies are those of a true democrat (possibly a little too middle-of-the-way for a country like Spain), and that he sees no permanent solution for Spanish problems under the present régime. In view of this, his statement that the Republic in 1936 might well have chosen the path of surrender to the Army is not a little strange and contradictory. But this brings us into the realm of present events and leads us to speculate as to the future, and here one can but state principles and hopes. In general Sr. Madariaga's idea of an Iberian confederation is sound, and is in line with the best political and cultural traditions of the Peninsula.

This book should be of great interest to all, and particularly to those who, from 1936-39, in their passionate espousal of the extreme Right or Left thought they knew all the truth of the situation, whereas in actual fact they knew nothing of purely Spanish problems, which were used as pawns in a European game or as pegs on which to hang half-baked prejudices and dogmatic theories.

LONDON LETTER

50 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
TUESDAY NIGHT.

DENBIGHSHIRE farmers have put under the plough during the war an area more than double their pre-war arable acreage, it was revealed to-day. During 1942 the County Agricultural Committee's tractors ploughed nearly 9,000 acres, disc-harrowed nearly 5,000 and harvested 4,500. Yields of wheat at two tons an acre were quite common. No fewer than 1,000 acres of Denbighshire land have been tile-drained during the year; twenty-six miles of piping was involved. Five hundred acres have been mole-drained and a thousand miles of ditches cleared and re-made.

Copper Precipitation

In an illustrated lecture at Burlington House to members of the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy, Mr. P. F. Whelan, M.Sc., A.R.C., National University of Ireland graduate, and Mr. J. H. Taylor, told how dumps of from 80,000 to 150,000 tons of pyrites are leaching at the Rio Tinto mines in Spain, the largest copper mines in the world. With the rapid expansion of the demand for pyrites for sulphuric acid manufacture in the early years of the present century, a method was evolved of extracting the copper without destroying the pyrites by calcination.

The Irish Turkey

Those fortunate people here who secured Irish turkeys this Christmas were amazed at the excellent quality of the birds. Few missed the deep yellow internal fat of pre-war days, and there was certainly no appreciable difference in flavour. In these days of feeding stuffs shortage—especially maize, at one time considered absolutely essential—one takes off one's hat to the Irish producer, or should one say produceress, in acknowledgment of the skill in producing such delectable fowl under difficult conditions. The quality of the fatted Irish goose was no less excellent.

AN IRISHMAN'S DIARY

Journalist and Politician

Congratulations are due to my friend Mr. Gerald Browne, M.B.E., on his unopposed election to membership of the Northern Ireland Senate. Mr. Browne was formerly Chief Reporter of the *Belfast News-letter*, and on the setting up of the Northern Parliament he became editor of the debates of that institution. He has now retired from the latter post.

It is not often that newspapermen adventure into the realm of active politics. In recent times we have had two instances:

The Rt. Hon. Thomas Moles of the Belfast *Evening Telegraph* became a member of the Northern House of Commons and was ultimately Speaker, and the late Mr. P. J. Hooper, last editor of the *Freeman's Journal*, entered the Irish Senate and was its Deputy Chairman.

In Washington

The converse has been happening lately in the Senate here, where a Senator has stepped down from the benches of the Upper House to take a post of special correspondent. Senator Frank MacDermot has been absent from his place for the greater part of the year, and readers of a prominent London Sunday newspaper will have been interested in despatches from New York under his "by-line."

This reciprocity is all to the good. I hope to see Senator Browne's example followed in both North and South. I do not know whether there are any other senators who wish to follow the lead of Senator MacDermot into the journalistic field; but if there are, well, let them all come, say I.

Indian Triumph

The brown gelding, Finalist, now ten years old, has just put up a record in Indian racing that is likely to stand for all time. On Saturday last at Calcutta this stout-hearted horse won the Viceroy's Cup for the fifth time in six years.

Thus he has beaten the existing record held by Mayfowl, who had won this classic, the most coveted prize of the Indian Turf, on three occasions, and has dead-heated for another.

Mayfowl was bred in Ireland, where he must still be remembered. So also was Finalist, who is sired by Winalot, and whose dam is Finery. He was foaled at the stud farm of Mr. J. J. Smith, of Newborough, Patrickswell, in Co. Limerick.

Although these two good horses can be regarded as a credit to Ireland, out there in Calcutta they have probably been written off as English-bred.

A Torpedoed Eagle

I am glad to see that Captain Charles Knight will have his famous eagle with him when he lectures before the young people at the Royal Dublin Society to-day.

This beautiful specimen of the golden eagle, which was captured in Scotland some years ago, has been trained by Captain Knight, and is now his constant companion. They have crossed the Atlantic together eighteen-and-a-quarter times—the "quarter" being when they were both torpedoed—an event which did not "take a feather" out of the eagle.

Captain Knight's pet name for the eagle is "Mr. Ramshaw."

QUIDNUNC.

AFRICAN WAR CLARIFIES

By OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT.

TRADITIONALLY, German strategy favours operating on exterior lines, which eventually close until the enemy is tactically enveloped, caught *im den taktischen mitte*, as the phrase is. The course of operations in North Africa has resulted in the German Command having to operate on interior lines, however; so that it is incumbent on us to examine these rather unwonted conditions. And in this connection it may be remarked that, for the time being, the Axis appear to be working two fronts: there is no indication that the Tripolitanian front has been subordinated to the Tunisian as yet, though unified control must be imminent.

Taking Tripolitania first, it is now clear that Marshal Rommel has succeeded in shaking off the pursuit by the Eighth Army for the present. This happened about the middle of December, when his rearguard broke out of the attempted encirclement. Now it looks as if a succession of delaying actions may be looked for, "along the deep water-course of the Wadi bei el Chebir, which runs in a north-westerly direction down to the coast, about 16 miles east of Buerat el Sun. The western bank of the wadi provides a high cliff, useful as a line of defence . . . Behind this wadi, some 30 miles further on, lies the Wadi Zemzem, another good line of defence, with 20 miles of salt marshes between the road and the sea." It will take a considerable time to organise a major attack here, the first of the positions mentioned being almost exactly 200 miles west of El Agheila in an air-line and across desert. Misurata, on the contrary, is only 70 miles in the Axis rear, and the developed portion of Tripolitania begins there, extending westward beyond Tripoli. All things considered, therefore we may conclude on an Axis breathing-space as far as their Eastern front is concerned.

TUNISIAN CAMPAIGN

In Tunisia renewal of major operations is probable. Patrolling and skirmishing have been constant; and on December 28 a Reuter correspondent said: "It was a 'toss up' which side felt ready to launch an offensive first. This is a very remarkable statement and speaks volumes for the energy with which the Axis garrison must have been reinforced. A figure of 40,000 has been mentioned, as also the presence in strength of heavy tanks mounting 88 m.m. guns. It is advisable to briefly consider the three zones into which the Tunisian fighting may be divided. And, first of all, it is desirable to get a rough idea of the size of Tunisia. The territory is at once longer and narrower than Ireland. Indeed, it might be said to approximate to Scotland, plus the narrow, northern portion of England marked by the line Liverpool-Hull.

Southern Tunisia, south of the Shott el Jerid, is desert largely, but by no means entirely. So far, it has witnessed no fighting, but it is of great importance as the connecting link with Tripolitania. Also it contains the eastward-facing fortifications of the Mareth Line and the harbour of Gabes.

FRENCH FORCES

Next comes Central Tunisia, extending northwards as far as the Gulf of Hammamet on the coast. This portion of the country is fed by the ports of Susa and Sfax, so frequently mentioned in the communiqués. It is here that the French forces are operating: two areas are mentioned, Pont du Fahs in the north and Pichon-Kairouan to the south of the other. The Allied aim here, obviously, is to push eastward to the coast, in the hope of separating the Axis troops in Northern Tunisia from those in Tripolitania.

It is, of course, this last or northern region which is of the greatest importance—controlling, as it does, the narrows of the Sicilian Channel, together with the two principal harbours, Tunis-La Goulette and Bizerta. These two centres are some forty miles apart in a direct line, and are linked by rail and a good road net. All these communications are in Axis hands, and, in general, the Axis have room to manœuvre large forces here with ample freedom. Unless and until the Allies get a solid purchase on the triangle, Mateur-Djedeida-Tebourba, no serious attack can be launched directly on either Tunis or Bizerta. The first attempt to secure this lodgment by an *attaque brusquée* was beaten off as we know.

BIZERTA DEFENCES

Bizerta, a naval fortress of the first class, is not strategically open at the gorge as was Singapore. On the contrary, it resembles Sebastopol, in that its land-side defences are of a formidable kind. It may be taken for granted that nothing has been omitted to add to them during the last six or seven weeks.

A word seems desirable on the matter of aerial transport for Axis reinforcements, seeing that considerable numbers of transport 'planes are reported as shot down both in the Mediterranean and in Russia. It is a well-known fact that years ago Germany could turn out four troop-carriers per day—'planes, not gliders. Recent reports mention such 'planes as possessing minimum equipment in the instrument line, which seems to argue mass-production of ultra-simple types. If that is the explanation, a figure of ten or twelve transport 'planes per day should be quite a workable proposition. As regards shipping transport, it is unlikely that Allied submarines and aircraft could account for more than, say, one-third or one-fourth at an outside figure.

ON THE WIRELESS

IRISH PROGRAMME

6.0—"The Haunted House," a Play for Children by Fred Gumley. Produced by J. J. Henry. 6.25—Christopher Dodd (baritone). 6.40 — Stock Exchange, Sports Results, Official Announcements. 6.45—News. 7.5—"Agricultural Notes," issued by the Department of Agriculture. 7.15—"Information, Please." 7.50—"A Song Cycle" by Arthur Somervell, sung by Michael O'Higgins (baritone). 8.20—"Radio Omnibus," presented by Noel Hartnett and Harry Kennedy. 8.50—Aileen Doyle's Quintet and Eva Tomsohn (contralto). 9.30—Dickens Interlude. 9.45—Light Music. 10.0—Nuacht. 10.10—News in English. 10.30—Joseph Milton's Ceilidhe Band and Lily Carty (Amhrain).

B.B.C. PROGRAMME

7.0—News. 7.15—Band. 7.30—Exercises. 7.50—Tune for To-day. 7.55—"Lift up your Hearts!" 8.0—News. 8.15—The Kitchen Front. 8.20—Records. 9.0—Orchestra. 9.30—Organ. 9.50 — "Starlight." 10.5 — "Women Can't Do It." 10.15—Service. 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—French Music. 11.35—Jack Payne. 12.5—Organ Music. 12.30—"Works Wonders." 1.0—News. 1.15—"Record Debut." 1.45—Music from the Opera House. 2.30 — "Big-Hearted Authors." 3.0—Music While You Work. 3.30—Orchestra. 4.0—Orchestra. 5.0—News in Welsh. 5.20—Children's Hour. 6.0—News. 6.30—News in Norwegian. 6.45—Orchestra. 7.45—"Appointment Off Sardinia." 8.15—"The Last of the Munchausens." 9.0 — News. 9.20—"Trial and Error," play by L. A. G. Strong. 9.55—"Fables of the Forties." 10.30—"The Year in Scotland." 11.0—"And So To Bed." 11.5—Spanish Vihuela Songs. 11.20—"Sixteen Bells." 11.35—Orchestra. 12.0—News.

FORCES PROGRAMME

6.30—"Reveille!" 7.0—News. 7.15—Band. 7.30—Morning Review. 8.0—News. 8.15—Records. 9.0—Orchestra. 9.30 — Organ. 9.50 — "Starlight." 10.5—Orchestra. 10.15—"Small Change." 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—French Music. 11.35—Jack Payne. 12.5—Student Songs. 12.30—"Intermission." 1.0—News. 1.15—Greetings from Home. 1.45—"Music from the Opera House." 2.30—"Big-hearted Authors." 3.0—Music While You Work. 3.30 — Orchestra. 4.0 — "Music-Hall." 5.0—"String Show-case." 5.30—"The Pick of the Crop." 6.0—News. 6.30—"Forces' Choice." 7.0—American Sports. 7.5—"The World Goes by." 7.30—"Ensa Half-Hour." 8.0—B.B.C. Dancing Club. 9.0—News. 9.20—The Radio Padre. 9.35—Canadian Sports. 9.45—Memories of Musical Comedy. 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—Close down.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

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BIRTHS.

BROWNE—December 20, 1942, at St. Anne's Nursing Home, Clonmel, to Martha, wife of Alfred Browne, a daughter.

PATTON—December 25, 1942, at Rotunda Hospital, to Nell, wife of J. V. G. Patton, 28 Clonturk Park, Drumcondra, the gift of a daughter (Margaret Susan).

ROCHE—December 11, 1942, to Darinka, wife of Patrick J. Roche, 74 Morehampton road, Dublin, a daughter.

WILDE—December 22, 1942, at Garden Hill Nursing Home, Sligo, to Hilda, wife of R. G. Wilde, Albert Line House, Sligo, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

QUINN and GWYNN—December 21, 1942, in Chapel, Trinity College, Dublin, by the Rev. Chancellor Quinn, assisted by the Very Rev. Dean of Christ Church, Dublin, and the Vice-Provost, James Charles Frederick, younger son of the Rev. Chancellor James Quinn and Mrs. Quinn, St. Jude's, Belfast, to Hannah, second daughter of the Rev. R. M. Gwynn, Vice-Provost, T.C.D., and Mrs. Gwynn.

DEATHS.

BERGIN—December 29, 1942, at the Mercy Home, Cork, William Bergin, M.A., M.R.I.A., of St. Brandons, Cork. Funeral strictly private. No flowers.

CAMLIN—December 13, 1942, William John, elder son of Mrs. F. Camlin and the late Frederick Camlin, 26 York road, Rathmines, Sergeant, R.A.F., drowned on active service. Funeral arrangements later.
Per ardua ad astra.

CHAPMAN (Derry)—December 29, 1942, at Church street, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon, William Francis Chapman, beloved husband of Mary K. Chapman, and father of Rev. B. Chapman, E.I. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and children. R.I.P. Funeral arrangements later.

FITZPATRICK—December 28, 1942, at his residence, Park House, North Circular road, Dublin (late of Musgrave street, Belfast), Richard, dearly loved husband of Margaret M. Fitzpatrick (*née* May). Very deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral to Clogherhead, by road, to-day (Wednesday), leaving at 1.30 p.m.

HOUSTEN—December 28, 1942, at Garryclone, Kilkeel, Co. Down, Margaret, widow of Wright Housten, late of Cavan. House and funeral private.

MACARDLE—December 27, 1942, at a Dublin nursing home, Rev. Andrew Macardle, S.J., St. Francis Xavier's, Upper Gardiner street. R.I.P. Office and Requiem Mass at St. Francis Xavier's to-day (Wednesday), December 30, 11 a.m.

MOORE—December 29, 1942, Sister M. Dismas Levins Moore, Sisters of Charity, St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin. R.I.P. Funeral arriving at Kilbarrack Cemetery to-morrow (Thursday), 12.30.

O'MEARA—December 28, 1942, at his residence, Killough Castle, Thurles, Edward T. O'Meara. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and family. R.I.P. Remains were removed to the Cathedral, Thurles, yesterday (Tuesday) evening. Office and Requiem High Mass at 10.30 (S.T.) to-day (Wednesday). Funeral to St. Mary's Cemetery immediately afterwards.

PATTINSON—December 27, 1942, at Castlebar, Henry Clement Pattinson, late of Westport and New Ross. Funeral to Christ Church Cemetery, Castlebar, to-day (Wednesday), 11 a.m.

SOUTH—December 29, 1942, at 3 Dunedin, Connaught avenue, Cork, Mary Frances, wife of Herbert E. South, and eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hicks. Funeral strictly private.

TANNER—December 29, 1942, Catherine, widow of the late John Tanner, Ballinalee, Co. Longford. Funeral at Ballinalee, 3 o'clock (summer time), to-morrow (Thursday). American papers please copy.

THACKABERRY—December 27, 1942, at his residence, Ardoyne House, Tullow, Co. Carlow, Nathaniel William Thackaberry. Funeral to Ardoyne Cemetery to-day (Wednesday), 3.0 (N.T.).
"Sleep on, beloved, sleep, and take thy rest,
Lay down thy head upon Thy Saviour's breast,
We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best.
Good night."

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this Column will be found on Page 3.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

CRONIN—The husband and family of the late Mrs. Biddy Cronin, "Riverlynne," 4 Parkview terrace, Worcester, wish to thank very sincerely all those who sent Mass cards, letters and telegrams of sympathy, and trust this will be accepted by all in grateful acknowledgment.

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WTD., Genl. all duties; £24. Call Thursday, between 7-8 p.m., 52 Castle Pk. Rd., Sandycove.

WTD., settled Working Hsekeeper, 8th. Dublin; must be excellent cook and active worker; all duties, single handed; 2 adults. Apply, giving full partics. of exper., age, and enclose copies of refs., wages £52 p.a., Box P 1431.

WTD., Howth rd., someone to do Household Mending. Box P 1478.

WTD., Cook and Kitchenmaid; £100 and £78; suit ladies. Box P 1548.

WTD., Dublin, young Girl, Genl.; must be well recomd., early riser.—44 Mountainview rd.

WTD., Dublin, trained Nannie; 2 young children. Phone 72858 for appointment.

WTD., for Carlow, Girl for Kitchen Duties, plain cooking; wages £28; enclose ref. (copy), state age. Box Z 8667, Girl.

WTD., Dublin, immediately, good Cook General for modern house, elec. cooker; wages £36 per yr.; only those expd. need apply; good refs. essential.—64 Bushy Park road.

WTD., Dublin, exper. Children's Nurse for baby of 5 mths. and girl 3 yrs.; good refs. essential. Apply immediately, 64 Bushy Park road.

WTD., an Under Cook or experienced Kitchenmaid for Dublin hospital; wages £36 per annum, with uniform and laundry. Box P 1583.

WTD., immediately, young Cook General and House P'maid for Stillorgan; on 'bus route. Box P 1584.

WTD., Blackrock, young Genl.; well recomd.; good cooking; 3 adults. 'Phone 82222 for interview, mornings or evenings.

WTD., Blackrock, Daily Genl., 7.30 to 2.30. Apply, after 6 p.m., to Mrs. Le Clerc, Springfield, Sydney av., Blackrock.

WTD., young Genl., indoor; Clontarf; 3 in family. Box P 1569.

WTD., young Daily Genl., Ballsbridge; modn. appliances; Sundays off; refs. Box P 1502.

WTD., settled Working Hsekeeper, 2 adults, Galway City; must be excellent ck. and active worker; all duties, single-handed; all modn. conveniences; salary £52 p.a., insurance paid. Apply, giving full partics. of exper., and enclose copies of refs., Box Z 8658, Hsekeeper.

YOUNG General Wtd. for Blackrock; 2 adults; modern house. Apply, after 5 p.m., Pralov, Mount Merrion avenue.

YOUNG Indoor Genl. Wtd., Dublin, 4 adults; washing.—6 Healthfield rd., Terenure.

DOMESTICS DISENGAGED.

A LADY wishes to recomd. House P'maid or Hsemaid; would attend an invalid; neat sewer, very obliging and good tempered; 7 yrs. last place. Apply: Conlan, Cloneygath, Monasterevan.

GENL. disengaged; some experience; good refs. Box P 1525.

GENL. disengaged; expd.; good refs. Box P 1516.

MIDDLEAGED Girl seeks Rough Work; hotel or institution. Box P 1524.

PROTESTANT Genl. dis.; with 1 or 2 ladies; excellent refs.; £12. Box P 1467.

RESPECTABLE young country Girl, very good ref., wishes nice situation with kind people; or would go as Priest's Housekeeper. Box Z 8647, Girl.

SETTLED Genl. wants situation; Dublin or near. Box P 1559.

TRAINED, expd. Children's Nurse disengaged; excellent refs. Box P 1512.

3 OR 4 days' Weekly Worker disengaged; Ballsbridge or city. Box P 1522.

ARTICLES FOR SALE.

ALL Waterproof Covers for carts, vans, threshers, lorries; Rick Covers, Sacks, Bags; best terms.—Coleman, 21-25 Chancery st., Dublin. T

A JIFFY Clothes Washer for Sale, as new.—McKenzie, Pearse st.

ALL Makes of Rebuilt and Secondhand Typewriters. Guaranteed Repairs.—Flood Limited, 205 Pearse street. X

COVERS for ricks, carts threshers, lorries, Tarpaulins, Sack and Tent Makers.—Petrie Bros., Ltd., 36 Usher's quay, Dublin.

ELECTRIC Breakfast Cooker, £9; perfect, used once; made by Carron, Glasgow. Box P 1530.

ELECTROLUX Cleaner for Sale, good condition. Particulars from Box P 1507.

FOR Sale, quantity Carpenter's Shell Auger Bits, ½" to 1 1/16th. Box Z 8671, Auger Bits.

FRIGIDAIRE—Genuine new and reconditioned Freezers and Cold Rooms. Also Service and Overhauls, with genuine Frigidaire parts.—Oswald and H. Jamison, 73 Cork st. X

MAX Factor Gift Set, 47/9, "Brownette," unwanted, sell best offer. Box P 1500.

REFRIGERATORS Bought & Sold for cash. Expert Repairs & Service.—Recold, Love lane, E., Dublin. 'Phone 64594. X

THICK Sausages, 1/- lb.; Black and White Puddings, 8d.; Ox Tongue, 2/8; Pressed Beef, 2/-; Veal and Ham, 1/10; Luncheon Sausage, 1/-. Orders made up to 56lb. inclusive. Cash with order. Box 2/6, returnable. — Pidgeons, Coombe, Dublin.

100 P.C. Pure Coffee (no blended coffee stocked). Freshly ground Coffee or Roasted Coffee Beans, 3/- per lb., 3 lbs. or over post free. Suppliers to all leading colleges and convents. Special terms for large quantities. Inquiries invited.—Jerome Hurley and Co., Coffee Merchants, 21 Marlborough st., Dublin. Phone 75751. X

ARTICLES WANTED

ALL kinds of Waste Paper and Cardboard packed and collected in city; carriage paid on 3 cwt. from country.—W. L. Woolfson, Licensed Waste Paper Merchant, Bridgefoot st., Dublin. 'Phone 52280. T

AMAZINGLY high cash prices paid, Cast-off Clothing. Postcard or phone 21567 brings lady or gentleman representative.—Lee, 68 Nth. King st., Dublin. T

ALL Classes of Ladies' and Gent's Left-off Clothes and Footwear.—Kay, 38 Golden lane. 'Phone 51998. 25 X

ELECTROLUX or Hoover Cleaner Wtd.; reasonable. Box P 1506.

FURNITURE, Secondhand; also entire Contents Houses and Flats; highest prices paid.—Toohey's, 30 Bachelor's Walk.

ROYAL Crown Derby Tea Bowl Wtd., Pattern No. 2451; state price. Box P 1614.

WTD., Prams, good condition.—129 Stephen's Green.

DRESS, COSTUMES, FURS.

ABOUT Clothes—Mrs. Cusack, 65 Aungier st. Purchases Left-off Clothing, Furniture, etc.; highest prices given. T

DON'T MISS THIS! Fur Coats Remodelled latest styles, from 45/-. Post orders, immediate attention. Write for free catalogue.—Gall, 74 Grafton st. (opp. Imco). X

FRIEZE Coat, heavy, double-breasted, small size, 42-inch chest; good condition; £5.—R O 317, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines.

FOR Sale, beautiful Green Taffeta Evening Dress (Leon's); worn once; best offer. Box P 1562.

LADIES', Gent's, Children's Wardrobes Purchased; hgst. prices. Mellon's, Kingstown.

TROUSSEAUX, etc., Handmade Lingerie for Sale and to order. Also Children's Party Smocks. Box Z 8668, Dressmaking.

DOGS, CATS, PETS.

BEAUTIFUL New Year Gifts—Wire Haired Fox Terrier Pups, tan-white, great ratters, healthy; dogs 30/-, bitches £1; carriage paid; no papers available.—D. S. Hill, Ballinapark, Avoca.

"KIT-KAT" Kennels — Medical Treatment, Trimming; comfortable Boarding.—28 Mathews rd.

PUP Wtd., Scottie, Sealyham or Wire Terrier; urgent. Box P 1460.

WTD. to Purchase, long-haired Persian Male Kitten, white or coloured; good home. Box P 1429.

WTD., Pigeons, two white hen Mondaines (French Table) or similar breed.—Purdon, Lodge Park, Freshford, Kilkenny.

SECURITY VALUES ROSE SHARPLY IN 1942

By Our London Financial Correspondent.

AS usual, during the last few days of the year, operators in Stock Exchange securities are showing little disposition to enter into fresh business, but the general tone of markets is cheerful, owing to the latest war news and the expectation of some increase in investment business early in the New Year.

The recent gains in British Funds have been maintained, and yesterday there were rises in Conversion 5 p.c., Funding 4 p.c., Consols 2½ p.c., and a few other active issues. Business has become quieter in the Foreign Bond market, the only feature yesterday being the marking up of Chinese Loans. In the last half-hour of business there was a revival of inquiry for Home Rails. All the active Ordinaries were fractionally better, Great Western rising to 57¼, while several other stocks improved.

Insurance shares continue to recover from the recent setback, and Banks are quietly firm pending the dividend announcements. Buying of Equities is selective, but a fair number of gains have been recorded.

ENORMOUS GAIN

The usual statistics of Stock Exchange values in the January number of the Bankers' Magazine are interesting, because they give details of movements in values during the whole of the past year. Between December 17, 1941, and Dec. 17, 1942, the aggregate value of the 365 representative securities included in the compilation increased from £6,501,597,000 to £6,696,109,000, a net appreciation of no less than £194,512,000, equal to 3 p.c.

Of this huge increase, £126,728,000 represents the advance in the 278 variable dividend securities (equal to 7.1 p.c.), and £67,784,000 the rise in fixed interest stocks (equal to 1.4 p.c.). If, however, a comparison is attempted between present market values and those prevailing in late August, 1939 (that is, from about the time the war began), the advance in capital values is no less than £732,579,000.

This enormous gain, the article points out, must be largely attributed to the fact that for a long time previous to the commencement of the war stocks had been steadily falling in anticipation of the possible event of war. Other factors favouring a rise in Security values include the Government cheap-money policy, the ban on new issues, the curtailment of ordinary expenditure and the weight of taxation, the last having been partly responsible for the great rise in variable dividend stocks owing to the search either for increased income or for capital appreciation.

Rather curiously, the largest percentage increase over the whole year is again recorded by the group of Foreign Railway stocks, the rise being 36 p.c., following the appreciation of 38 p.c. recorded in 1941. But on this occasion the British Railway Ord. group takes second place with an increase of 34.4 p.c., Miscellaneous Mining shares following with 22 p.c., while Foreign Government stocks rose by 17.8 p.c. The increase in the Commercial and Industrial group was 9.5 p.c., and in Iron, Coal and Steel 10.6 p.c.

RECORD DEPOSITS

Assets of the Royal Bank of Canada at November 30 last totalled 1,291,615,947 dollars, the highest ever reached, and comparing with 1,075,119,762 dollars at the end of November, 1941. Total deposits appear at 1,181,217,193 dollars (against 956,104,196 dollars). Deposits by the public increased from 902,152,676 dollars to the new high record of 1,002,567,408 dollars.

The profits for the year after taxation amounted to 3,390,123 dollars, showing a decline of 145,805 dollars. The year's dividends amounted to 7¼ dollars per 100 dollar share, as compared with 8 dollars per share distributed for several years previously, the reduction having been due to the heavier taxation.

THE DAY'S FEATURES

Markets continued cheerful in tone on the London Stock Exchange yesterday, but business remained on a small scale, as books have been closed for the year, and firms were not inclined to initiate fresh business.

There was little doing in Gilt-edged stocks, but among Foreign Bonds Mexicans further improved. British Railways went ahead again, while Argentines were supported on the announcement of the increase of over a million pesos in traffics. Internationals, which have done so well recently, opened firm, maintaining the display of strength for a while, but profit-taking later caused a reaction, and on balance Brazilian Tractions were 1/16 down at 22 23/32. Canadian Pacific lost a similar fraction at 17 17/32.

Among Industrials, Textiles were in better demand and Courtaulds hardened a trifle. Lancashire Cotton eased to 31/10½. Dunlops were still the subject of interest and went ahead to 36/-, but later receded to 35/6. In other directions "Emmies" had another gain of 3d. at 20/6, Sudans made another spurt of 1/1½ to 39/6. "Imps" rose 7½d. to 7 7/32.

The Mining market was rather dull and some declines were seen in Kaffirs. West Wits lost 1/16, while Blyvoors were shaky. Diamonds were steady.

In a quiet Oil market British Controlled were easier.

LONDON CLOSING PRICES

* Ex Dividend. † Ex Rights. ‡ Ex Bonus.

BRITISH FUNDS.

Consols 2½% ...	82½	82½	3½% Conversion	106½	106¾
Do. 4%	109⅞	110⅛*	5% Conversion..	103¼	103¾
3½% War Loan	104⅞	105	2½% Land	90	92*
3% War Loan...	102 5/16	102 5/16 +1/16	I.F.S. 4½% Ld.	114½	116½
Funding Loan ..	113½	113½	India 3½%	99¾	100
Victory Bonds...	113½	114½	Local Loans	96⅞	97½
3% Conversion...	103	104	Nat. Def. 2½%..	101½	102½

BONDS—RAILS—BANKS.

Brazil 20-Yr. A	74		Sth. Def. Ord..	22⅞	+⅛	B.A. & Western	12½
Do. 40-Yr. B.	59		Do. 5% Pref..	110½		Do. 4% Deb...	59½
Gt. Western...	57¼	+¼	Arg. Gt. W. 5% Deb.	55½		Canadian Pac.	17 17/32 −1/16
L.M.S. Ord. ...	28	+⅛	B.A. Mid. 4% Deb.	58		C. Arg. 4% Deb.	44
Do. 4% Pref...	76½	+1	B.A. Gt. Sth..	12¼	+¼	Do. 5% Deb... 1967-87	29½
Do. 5% Rd. Pf	101½		Do. 4% Deb.	61		Bank of Eng..	371½
Do. 4% Pf. '23	63	+½	B.A. & Pac... 4% Deb.....	72		Barclay A.....	54/0
L.N.E. Pf. Ord	9	+⅛	Bo. Con. 4½%. Deb.	55		Lloyds	57/0
Do. Def.	4⅜					Midland	9⅞
Do. 1st Pref...	61½	+½				Westminster ..	67/6
Do. 2nd Pref..	31¾	+¼				Do. £4, £1 pd.	87/0 +0/6
Sth. Pref. Ord.	74½	+¼					

INDUSTRIALS.

Austin (5/-)....	20/0		Courtaulds	45/3	+0/1½	London Brick .	50/0
Assoc. Cement.	54/4½		Carreras B	15/1½		Morris	38/6
Babcock & W..	48/6		Dorman L.	22/6		Murex	103/9 +1/3
Baldwins	6/0		Dunlop	35/6	+0/6	Marks & S.	46/3
Brown (J.)	28/7½		Distillers	84/6		P. & O. Def. ...	31/7½
B.S.A.	23/3		Elec. & Mus. ..	20/6	+0/3	Rolls Royce ...	103/1½
Bleachers	8/10½		English Cotton.	35/0		S.A. Breweries.	119/0 +0/6
Brad. Dyers ...	14/6		Ever Ready ...	35/6		Stewart & L. ..	51/0 +0/6
Brit. Celanese..	16/0		Ford	31/6		Sudan Plants. .	39/6 +1/1½
B.A. Tobacco...	99/4¼		Fine Spinners..	16/0	−0/3	Thomas (R.) ...	8/6
Beechams	37/6*		Gallaher	6⅜		Tob. Secs. T. ...	67/6
Do. Defd.	13/0		Guinness	116/9		Tate & Lyle ...	65/3 −0/3
Boots Drug	38/6	+0/6	Gen. Electric...	85/6		Triplex	30/6
Braz. Trac.	22 23/32	−1/16	Harrods	45/0		Tube Invest....	91/0
Brit. Alum.	49/3		Hudson's Bay..	35/9	+0/6	Turner & N. ..	72/9 −0/3
Brit. Plstr. Bd.	27/1½	+0/1½	Hawker Sid. ...	18/3		United Steel ...	26/1½ +0/1½
Br. P. Cement.	82/6		Harland & W..	15/3	−0/3	United South..	78/9
Bass	157/3		Imp. Tobacco..	7 7/32	+1/32	Utd. Molasses	29/1½
Brit. Insulated	90/9		Imp. Chemicals	36/7½		Vickers	17/10½ +0/1½
Coast Lines	13/9		Int. Nickel	44¾	−½	Wall Paper Df.	32/9 +0/3
Cab. & W. Ord.	75½		Leyland	70/3	+1/3	White Tomkins	41/6
Calico Print. ..	12/7½		Lever	33/9	+0/3	Watney Def. ..	74/9
Coats	41/7½		Lever N.V.	29/3		Woolworth	59/3

MINES. / **OILS—RUBBERS.**

Ashanti	53/6	−0/3	Libanon	11/6	−0/3	Anglo-Iranian	79/4½ +0/7½
Bibiani	19/6		Luipaards	14/6		Attock	43/1½
Blyvoor	43/6		Marievale	22/0*		Burmah	58/1½
Brakpan	25/0*		Roan	13/9		Can. Eagle ...	10/4½
Chartered	25/3		Rhod. Aug. A.	16/0		Mex. Eagle ...	11/3
Cons. Afr. Sel.	14/9		Rhodesian Sel.	13/9*		Shell	66/3
Cons. G.F.	41/3		Rhokana	6⅞		Trin. Lease ...	75/0
Crown	8½*		Rio Tinto	11½		Do. Pet. Dev.	65/7½ +0/7½
Daggafontein..	1⅞*		Selec. Trust...	16/6	−0/3	Anglo-Dutch ..	13/6
De Beers	10⅞*		S.A. Land	77/6*		Anglo-Malay ..	6/7½
Durban Deep..	3 1/16*		Venterspost ...	27/6		Highlands	11/3
East Geduld ..	8¾*	−⅛	Victoria Falls	78/9*		Kuala Lumpur	13/0
E. Rand Prop.	37/6*		Vogels'bult ...	26/10½*		Malacca	8/6
Geduld	7⅛*	−⅛	West. Holding	17/4½	−0/1½	Malayalam	32/6
Govt. Areas...	35/0*		West. Reefs...	45/3*		Rubber Trust..	18/0 +0/3
J'burg Cons...	43/9		West. Springs	30/0*	+0/7½	Sna Betong	24/6
Langlaagte ...	6/9*		West. Wit. ...	6¼	+1/16	Utd. Serdang ..	1/6

RALLY IN HOME RAILS

THE accumulation of orders on the Dublin Stock Exchange yesterday was not very large, and consequently markets resumed business under moderately quiet conditions. Chief attention was paid to Irish Securities, and small buying caused a firmer trend in most directions.

Home Government Funds held up well, and 4½ p.c. Land Bonds hardened to 116. British Funds tended higher.

Food Markets in Page 2.

Bank of Ireland stock fell a point to 343, and Nationals shaded off to 44/3.

There was good buying of Guinness units, and they advanced several pence to 117/-. Cairnes Deb. spurted over twelve points to 91½.

Rails were busier than of late, and price movements favoured holders. Great Northern Ord. rose to 27, the Pref. improved ½ to 48, and the Deb. ¾ to 81¼. Great Southern Pref. hardened to 23, and the Gtd. was raised a point to 50. Dublin Transport Ord. firmed up to 21/-.

E. and J. Burke Pref. eased to 8/4½, but Carroll Pref. moved up to 27/3, and Irish Shell Pref. to 22/-. Irish C.S. Buildings jumped two points to 63, and L. Jordan Ord. advanced 1/3 to 31/6. Salts (Ireland) Pref. and Goulding Ord. inclined higher, but Irish Sugar Pref. slipped back to 27/3.

"Emmies" displayed strength, and closed 1/3 higher at 21/-.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

(*) Odd lot. (a) Asked. (b) Bid. (Previous prices in parentheses.)

GOVERNMENT FUNDS—4½ p.c. Third National Loan (Deed) (114⅜), *114⅜; 4 p.c. Conversion Loan (under £200) (111), 111; 3½ p.c. National Security (105¼), 105¼; 4½ p.c. Land Bonds (115⅞), 116; 4 p.c. Land Bonds (107⅛), 107⅛; do. (under £200), (105⅞), 107; Irish Sugar 4 p.c. Deb. (110½), *110½; 2½ p.c. Consols (82), 82⅜; 3½ p.c. War Loan (104¾), 105⅛; 3 p.c. Local Loan (96¾), 97¼.

CORPORATION STOCKS—Dublin 4 p.c., 1960/'85 (106¾), 107¼a; do. 4 p.c., 1955/'60 (106¾), *106¾.

BANKS—Bank of Ireland (344), 343, 3; National (44/7½), *44/6, 4/3; Northern A. 81/6.

BREWERIES—Cairnes Deb. (78 19/32), *91½; Guinness Ord. (116/1½), *117/-, 7/-.

RAILS, ETC.—Gt. Northern Ord. (26⅞), 27; do. Pref. (47½), 48; do. Gtd. (65), 63; do. Deb. (80½), 81¼; Gt. Southern Pref. (22¾), *23; do. Gtd. (49), 49¾, 50; do. Deb. (68), 68; Dublin Transport Ord. (20/7½), 21/-, 1/-.

IRISH INDUSTRIALS — Batchelor (Ireland) Ord. (12/6), 11/6; Burke (E. and J.) Pref. (8/6), *8/4½; Carroll Pref. (27/-), 27/3; Cement Pref. (30/3), 30/3; Crowe Wilson Ord. (17/-), 17/-; Goulding Ord. (26/3) *26/6; Irish C.S. Building (61), *63; Irish Dunlop Pref. (23/4½), 23/4½; Irish Shell Pref. (21/4½), *22/-; Irish Sugar Pref. (27/6), 27/3; Jordan (L.) Ord. (30/3), *31/6; Salts (Ireland) Pref. (20/-), 20/3; Sunbeam Wolsey Pref. (34/6), 34/6; Williams and Woods Ord. (28/6), 28/6; Yam Seng Rubber (1/1½), 1/-b, 1/4½a.

BRITISH INDUSTRIALS—Beechams Pills Def. 43/6; Coats Ord. (41/9), 41/3; Elec. and Musical Industries (19/9), 21/-; Hadfield, 31/-; Imperial Chemical (36/6), 36/4½; Imperial Tobacco (144/-) 144/6; Shell Transport, 66/9; Thomas (R.) Ord., 8/7½.

AMERICAN SECURITIES—Brazilian Tractions (21⅜), 23⅛.

COMPANY NEWS

Central Argentine Railway—Gross receipts for the week to December 19 amount to pesos 2,496,100. These figures are over pesos 1,000,000 higher than those for the same week last year. Aggregate receipts from July 1 now total pesos 52,509,700, compared with pesos 44,071,050 for the same period of 1941.

Southern Brazil Electric is able to make payment of 2½ p.c. on the 6½ p.c. Mortgage Debs., covering interest for the half-year ended June 30, 1942.

Middle Witwatersrand (Western Areas)—A first dividend of 2½ p.c. is to be paid on the £520,000 capital.

United British Oilfields of Trinidad is to make an immediate issue to the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. of £750,000 25-year Debs. at par, and bearing interest at 5 p.c. per annum.

A CORRECTION

In "the year's price changes on the Dublin Stock markets," published in yesterday's issue, Millar and Beatty's 5 per cent. Cumulative Preference shares were shown to have fallen 30/1 to 15/5, whereas the shares were actually 2/11 higher on the year at 48/5.

FURNITURE, CARPETS, ETC.

LAWLOR, Briscoe will Buy and Sell your Surplus Furniture. Auctions every Thursday.—35 Ormond quay. T

S. WOODS, Buyer of all kinds of Books, Furniture, Carpets, etc. Highest prices.—77 Aungier street. X

POULTRY, FISH, DAIRY.

BRONZE Turkey Hens, Emden Goose, Rhode and Sussex Cockerels; Settings; Cairn Pups.—Kimmage Grove. Phone 95423.

FOR Sale, R.I.R. March Cockerel, Dept. ringed and blood tested; price 17/6, carriage extra. — Corrigan, Liscoleman, Tullow, Carlow.

GARDEN, FARM, BEES, ETC.

AT Drummond's—Ensure increased Fruit Crops by spraying with Drummond's Tar Oil Winter Spray.—Dawson st., Dublin.

ALL First Early Potatoes now ready for Sprouting: Arran Pilot, American Early Rose, Duke of York, May Queen, Epicure, Sharpe's Express, etc., at Drummond's, Dawson street, Dublin.

ADVERTISING Offer—12 beautiful evergreen Flowering Shrubs, in 3 varieties, 6/-; Cupressus Lawson, 2ft., 5/- doz., 35/-, 100; Griselinia Hedging, 25/-, 100; Contorto Pins, 2-3ft., 9/-, 100. Lists free.—Roundhill Nurseries, Galbally, via Tipperary. X

LISSADELL Vegetable Plants. Cabbage: Harbinger, Autumn frame, 3/- per 100, post free. Cash with order. Subject crop and unsold.—Manager, Lissadell, Sligo.

HORSES, CATTLE, STOCK.

THREE Double Bridles, with nosebands, £2 each; Pony Float, fit 13-14 hds., good tyres, £18. Box P 1501.

SHOOTING, SPORTING.

HARDY "Murdoch" Salmon Spinning Rod, "Silex Major" Reel and Line; all in perfect condition.—Gun-Cunninghame, Dalgany, Co. Wicklow.

WTD., short Salmon Spinning Rod, multiplying reel; other fishing tackle considered. Box Z 8656, Rod.

WTD., Diana Air Gun, 22 model; state lowest price. Box P 1543.

RADIO PIANOS, MUSIC.

ASK Gill's, Nassau st. They Purchase Pianos for cash; highest prices given.

ASK Gill's, Nassau st. They will Purchase Operas, Classical Musical Books. X

GRAMOPHONE and Radio Stores, Johnston's Court (Grafton st.), for all your requirements. Open till 8; Sundays 3 p.m. X

WTD., Bechstein, Bluthner, Steinway, Schiedmayer Piano; state price, cash. Box P 1537. X

OPTICAL, JEWELS, WATCHES.

AXPEL Spectacles Preserve the Sight—Dixon & Hempenstall Sight Testing Rooms, 111 Grafton st., Lower. Consultations Daily, 9 to 6. 20 X

HOUSES AND LANDS FOR SALE.

ADVANCES for House Purchase, repayable over periods extending to 20 years. Full particulars obtainable from the Secretary Property Loan & Investment Co., Ltd., 40 Dame street, Dublin. Capital £400,000 (fully paid). Subscribed by the Principal Irish Banks.

AT Terenure—Really attractive, large, modern House, 2 reception, 5 bedrooms, large gardens, garage, etc.; excellent order; £1,500. Recommended.—Browne & Dowse, 2 Dawson st.

BLACKROCK—4½ acres, ideal detached Residence, adjoining tram; 5 bedrooms; tennis; £3,500.—Albert MacArthur, "Housefinder."

BALLSBRIDGE—Pre-war red brick House; 4 bedrooms, 2 reception, etc.; garage; £1,400.—Adhouse, 2 Burgh quay.

BLACKROCK—£1,250, choice, modern House; 4 bedrooms; garage.—Albert MacArthur, "Housefinder."

"CRAIGTON," Gordon avenue, Foxrock; modern, detached residence, beside 'bus; good gardens; 2 reception, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, etc.; long lease; ground rent £13, P.L.V. £24 5/-. Auction Sale, Tuesday, 5th January, at 17 Dawson street.—Hamilton and Hamilton.

CHOICE detached House, Kimmage road, £1,650; another £1,450.—Albert MacArthur, "Housefinder."

DUNDRUM — Ideal Bungalow, ai...; placed; garden, garage; £725.—Albert MacArthur, "Housefinder."

GLASNEVIN—Pre-war, excellent House; 4 bedrms., garage; £1,000. Cabra, near church, £1,200.—Albert MacArthur, "Housefinder."

GILTEDGED Investment, possession of land if desired, 100 acre Farm, Mansion Residence; Ground Rents; Houses, 5 miles Dublin City; nett profit £550; price £5,250. Box P 1539.

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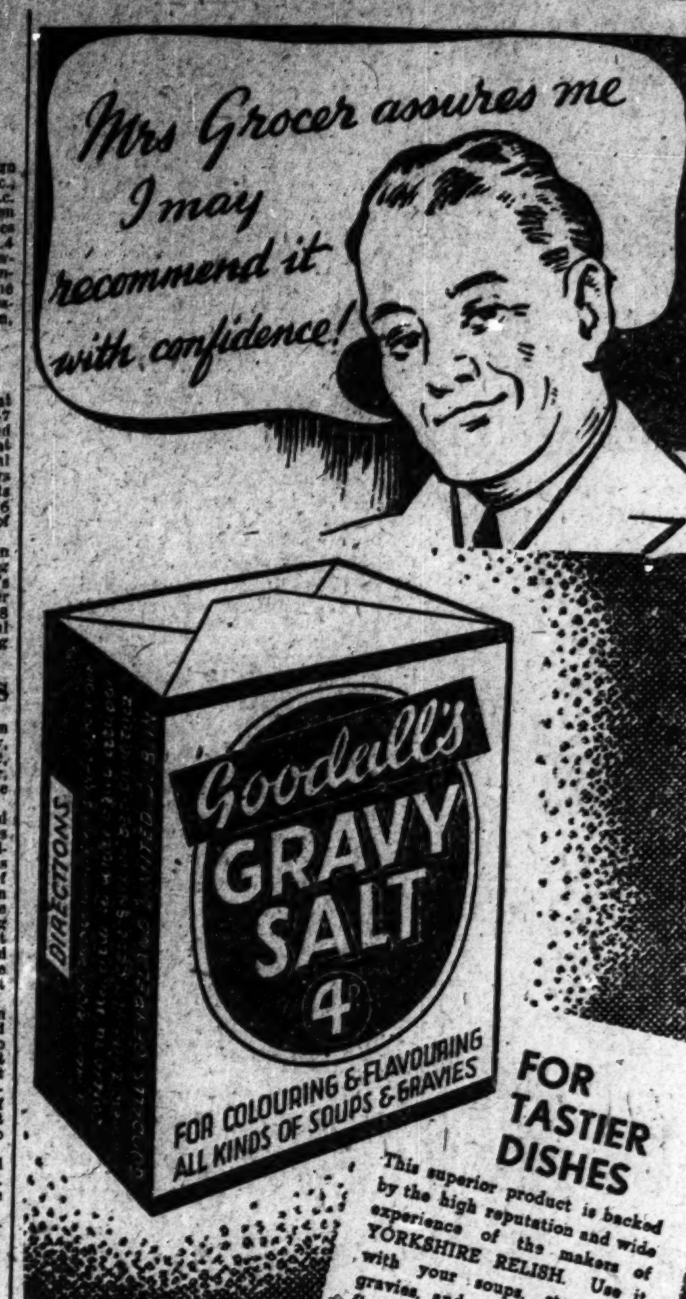

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